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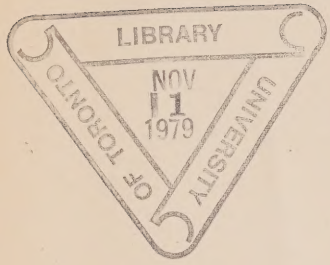
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CANADIAN FAILURES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP
ACTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1946.

The number of failures receded to a lower point during the first half of 1946 than in the similar period of any year since the statistics were first collected in 1922. Assignments were reduced to 113 compared with 147, the previous minimum recorded for the first six months of 1945.

The downward trend has persisted since the computation was commenced. As indicated by the inactivity in bankruptcy proceedings, conditions in the current period are obviously favourable for the continuity of business operations. First-half bankruptcies have declined for seven consecutive years.

The highest point in number of failures during the period of observation was reached during the depression following the first world war. Assignments exceeded 1,000 in each of the years from 1929 to 1933, covering the second important depression of the inter-war period.

Bankruptcies in the second quarter numbered 59 being slightly less than in the same period of either 1945 or 1944. Important decline had been shown from 1939 to two years ago, while since that time, the change has been rather insignificant.

The defaulted liabilities which had reached a minimum for the last 24 years during the first half of 1945 showed an increase in the period under review. The total was \$2,511,000 compared with \$1,790,000 in the first six months of 1945. The total for the second quarter rose from \$397,000 to \$1,044,000 in the same comparison. Increased liabilities were recorded in the four provinces reporting failures in the second quarter of both years.

Commercial Failures by Areas. -

During the first six months there was one failure in the Maritime provinces compared with five last year. The situation was improved in Quebec and Ontario, the number dropping from 121 to 96 in the former and from 13 to 10 in the latter. Three failures were shown in the Prairie provinces in each of the last two years and a decline from five to three occurred in British Columbia.

Failures by Branches of Business. -

The failures in trade were greater than in any other groups of the classification, the increase from the first half of 1945 having been from 28 to 31. Failing manufacturing concerns increased from 27 to 30. No change was in evidence for the primary industries where three failures occurred in the first half of each year.

Construction firms numbered nine compared with 26 last year. Defaulting firms in transportation fell from 7 to 6, while the number for the finance group doubled at four. The decline in services of different classes was from 43 to 25.

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES,
1922 - 1946.

Year	Number of Failures			Defaulted Liabilities		
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	First Half	First Quarter	Second Quarter	First Half
				\$	\$	\$
1922	1,054	842	1,896	-	-	-
1923	1,110	886	1,996	19,674,767	15,605,418	35,280,185
1924	774	506	1,280	14,332,053	14,756,817	29,089,870
1925	630	467	1,097	8,528,251	8,786,430	17,314,681
1926	464	400	864	7,564,017	7,258,777	14,822,794
1927	498	393	891	6,789,891	6,953,610	13,743,501
1928	549	411	960	7,382,987	6,702,098	14,085,085
1929	646	507	1,153	12,786,460	7,774,671	20,561,131
1930	667	518	1,205	17,091,691	10,031,651	27,123,342
1931	606	503	1,109	11,944,578	10,768,078	22,712,656
1932	667	573	1,240	11,110,423	10,113,027	21,223,450
1933	622	517	1,139	11,377,803	7,977,992	19,355,795
1934	433	388	821	6,105,814	6,911,830	13,017,644
1935	361	317	678	3,658,986	4,859,282	8,518,268
1936	338	291	629	4,483,439	4,028,276	8,511,715
1937	259	279	538	3,136,865	3,589,816	6,726,681
1938	318	289	607	3,356,821	3,460,052	6,816,873
1939	371	346	717	3,592,118	4,189,660	7,781,778
1940	331	320	651	3,535,992	3,023,065	6,559,057
1941	294	261	555	2,456,718	2,739,771	5,196,489
1942	227	172	399	2,035,864	1,206,693	3,242,557
1943	130	108	238	2,288,519	1,120,301	3,408,820
1944	94	61	155	1,185,693	756,584	1,942,277
1945	83	64	147	1,392,780	396,879	1,789,659
1946	54	59	113	1,467,014	1,043,949	2,510,963

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR

THE SECOND QUARTER 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, 1945.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Second Quarter	
									1946	1945
TRADE										
General Stores	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Grocery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Confectionery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and Meat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Boots and Shoes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry Goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Books and Stationery .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Automobile	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Apparatus ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jewelry	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Coal and Wood	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	6	2
Total Trade	1	-	12	1	-	-	1	-	15	5
MANUFACTURES										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	1
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur and Leather	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textiles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Lumber and Manufactures	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3	2
Iron and Steel	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	2
Non-ferrous Metals ...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Non-metallic Minerals.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Total Manufactures	-	-	8	3	-	-	1	2	14	11
SERVICE										
Garage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other custom and repair	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Personal Service	-	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	8	12
Restaurants	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Professional Service .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Recreational Service .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Service	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Total Service	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13	24

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, 1945 - continued

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Second Quarter	
									1946	1945
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Logging, Fish and Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	12
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
Finance	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	-
Total Other	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13	17
Not Classified	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	7
GRAND TOTAL	1	-	48	6	-	-	2	2	59	64

TABLE 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATES ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND THREE MONTHS OF 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1945 and 1944

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimates Grand Total Assets	Estimates Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	62,287	124,284
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	48	400,733	506,159
Ontario	6	36,913	107,718
Manitoba	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	2	343,614	275,381
British Columbia	2	22,336	30,407
Cumulative Total for Three Months.			
1946	59	865,883	1,043,949
1945	64	192,123	396,879
1944	62	400,925	756,584

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES,
1946

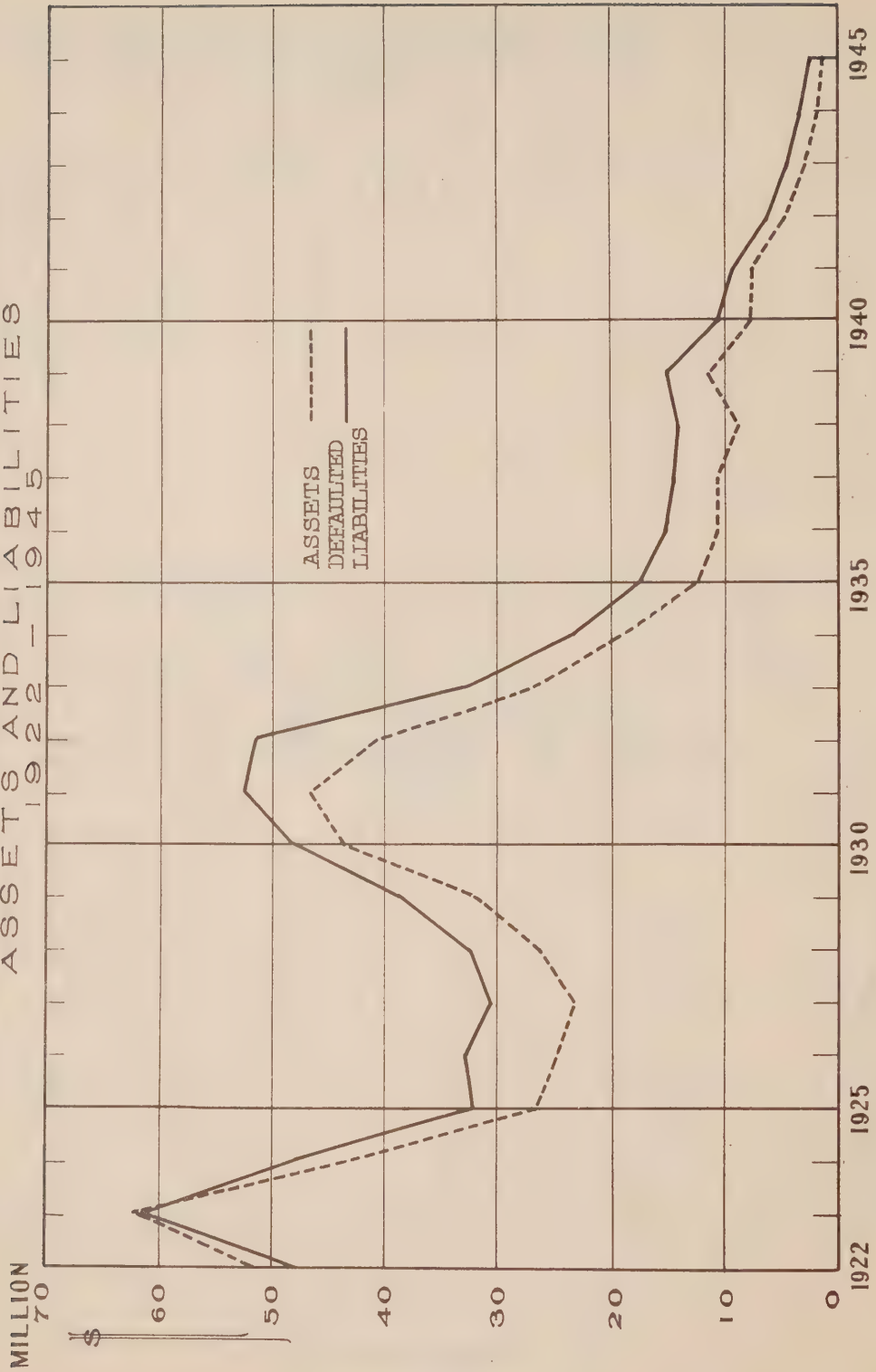
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	1	-	20
February	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
March	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	-	1	20
April	-	-	-	17	4	-	-	-	-	21
May	-	1	-	15	-	-	-	-	2	18
June	-	-	-	16	2	-	-	2	-	20
Six Months' Total, 1946 ...	-	1	-	96	10	-	-	3	3	113
Six Months' Total, 1945 ...	1	3	1	121	13	1	-	2	5	147
Six Months' Total, 1944 ...	-	2	-	126	18	-	3	-	6	155

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS,

1946

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Loggnig, Fishing, Min- Trapping ing	Con struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	5	9	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	20
February	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	14
March	6	5	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	20
April	8	3	-	-	-	1	2	1	6	21
May	3	5	-	-	-	3	-	2	3	18
June	4	6	-	-	1	2	-	1	4	20
Six Months' Total, 1946..	31	30	-	1	2	9	6	4	25	113
Six Months' Total, 1945..	28	27	1	-	2	26	7	2	43	147
Six Months' Total, 1944..	46	23	1	1	-	12	6	4	47	155

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The number of failures receded to a lower point during the first nine months of 1946 than in a similar period of any year since the statistics were first collected in 1922. Assignments were reduced to 177 compared with 202, the previous minimum recorded for the first nine months of 1945, a decline of about 12.4 p.c. having been shown. A downward trend for the nine-month period has been shown for the last seven years.

Commercial failures numbered 64 in the third quarter of 1946 compared with 59 in the second quarter of 1946, and 55 in the third quarter of 1945.

The defaulted liabilities which had reached a minimum for the last 24 years during the first nine months of 1945 showed an increase in the period under review. The total was \$4,263,568 compared with \$2,482,718 in the first nine months of 1945. The total for the third quarter rose from \$693,059 in 1945 to \$1,752,605 for the same period of 1946.

Commercial Failures by Areas.-

During the first nine months there were 3 failures in the Maritime Provinces compared with five last year. In the Province of Quebec, the number of failures dropped from 167 in 1945 to 151 in 1946, a recession of about 9.6 p.c. In Ontario, a decline was again recorded, the number dropping 40 p.c. from 20 in 1945 to 12 in 1946. Four failures were shown in the Prairie Provinces in each of the last two years, while an increase from 6 in 1945 to 7 in 1946 occurred in British Columbia.

Failures by Branches of Business.-

The failures in trade were greater than in any other group of the classification, the increase from the first nine months of 1945 having been from 41 to 45. Defaulting manufacturing concerns increased from 38 to 40. In logging, 3 failures were recorded, mining had 2 and finance 5, while services declined from 52 in 1945 to 42 in 1946.

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES.

1922 - 1946.

Year	Number of Failures			Defaulted Liabilities		
	First Half	Third Quarter	Nine Months	First Half	Third Quarter	Nine Months
1922	1,896	904	2,800	-	-	-
1923	1,996	711	2,707	35,280,185	11,293,168	46,573,353
1924	1,280	437	1,717	29,089,870	8,343,722	37,433,592
1925	1,097	416	1,513	17,314,681	6,575,215	23,889,896
1926	864	393	1,257	14,822,794	7,192,785	22,015,579
1927	891	403	1,294	13,743,501	7,122,469	20,865,970
1928	960	454	1,414	14,085,085	6,671,417	20,756,502
1929	1,153	436	1,589	20,561,131	6,057,517	26,618,648
1930	1,205	520	1,725	27,123,342	9,525,072	36,648,414
1931	1,109	472	1,581	22,712,656	10,027,710	32,740,366
1932	1,240	466	1,793	21,223,450	8,789,481	30,012,931
1933	1,139	447	1,585	19,355,795	6,991,532	26,347,327
1934	821	338	1,159	13,017,644	4,796,817	17,814,461
1935	678	302	980	8,518,268	4,457,215	12,975,483
1936	629	279	908	8,511,715	3,455,445	11,967,160
1937	538	289	827	6,726,681	3,383,192	10,109,873
1938	607	280	887	6,816,873	3,297,869	10,114,742
1939	717	343	1,060	7,781,778	3,789,520	11,571,298
1940	651	256	907	6,559,057	2,085,460	8,644,517
1941	555	217	772	5,196,489	1,932,612	7,129,101
1942	399	173	572	3,242,557	948,951	4,191,508
1943	238	102	340	3,408,820	1,284,120	4,692,940
1944	155	57	212	1,942,277	797,283	2,739,560
1945	147	55	202	1,789,659	693,059	2,482,718
1946	113	64	177	2,510,963	1,752,605	4,263,568

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE THIRD QUARTER 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1945.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter	
									1946	1945
<u>TRADE</u>										
General Stores	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Grocery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Confectionery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and Meat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Boots and Shoes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry Goods	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Clothing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Books and Stationery ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Automobile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Apparatus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Jewelry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal and Wood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	1	8	5
Total Trade	-	-	11	2	-	-	-	1	14	13
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur and Leather	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textiles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Clothing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lumber and Manufactures	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	3
Iron and Steel	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	4
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total Manufactures	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	1	10	11
<u>SERVICE</u>										
Garage	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other custom and repair	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Personal Service	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
Restaurants	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	3
Professional Service ..	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Recreational Service ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Business Service	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Total Service	1	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	19	10

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1945 - Continued

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter	
									1946	1945
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Logging, Fish and Trapping	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Construction	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	8
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	5	3
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total Other	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	2	16	13
Not Classified	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	8
GRAND TOTAL	1	1	55	2	1	-	-	4	64	55

TABLE 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD THREE MONTHS OF 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1945 and 1944

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	2,679	5,071
New Brunswick	1	707,000	586,000
Quebec	55	542,488	1,036,076
Ontario	2	5,809	28,228
Manitoba	1	1,000	3,733
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	-	-	-
British Columbia	4	59,534	93,497
Cumulative Total for Three Months .			
1946	64	1,318,510	1,752,605
1945	55	341,842	693,059
1944	57	373,165	797,283

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES,

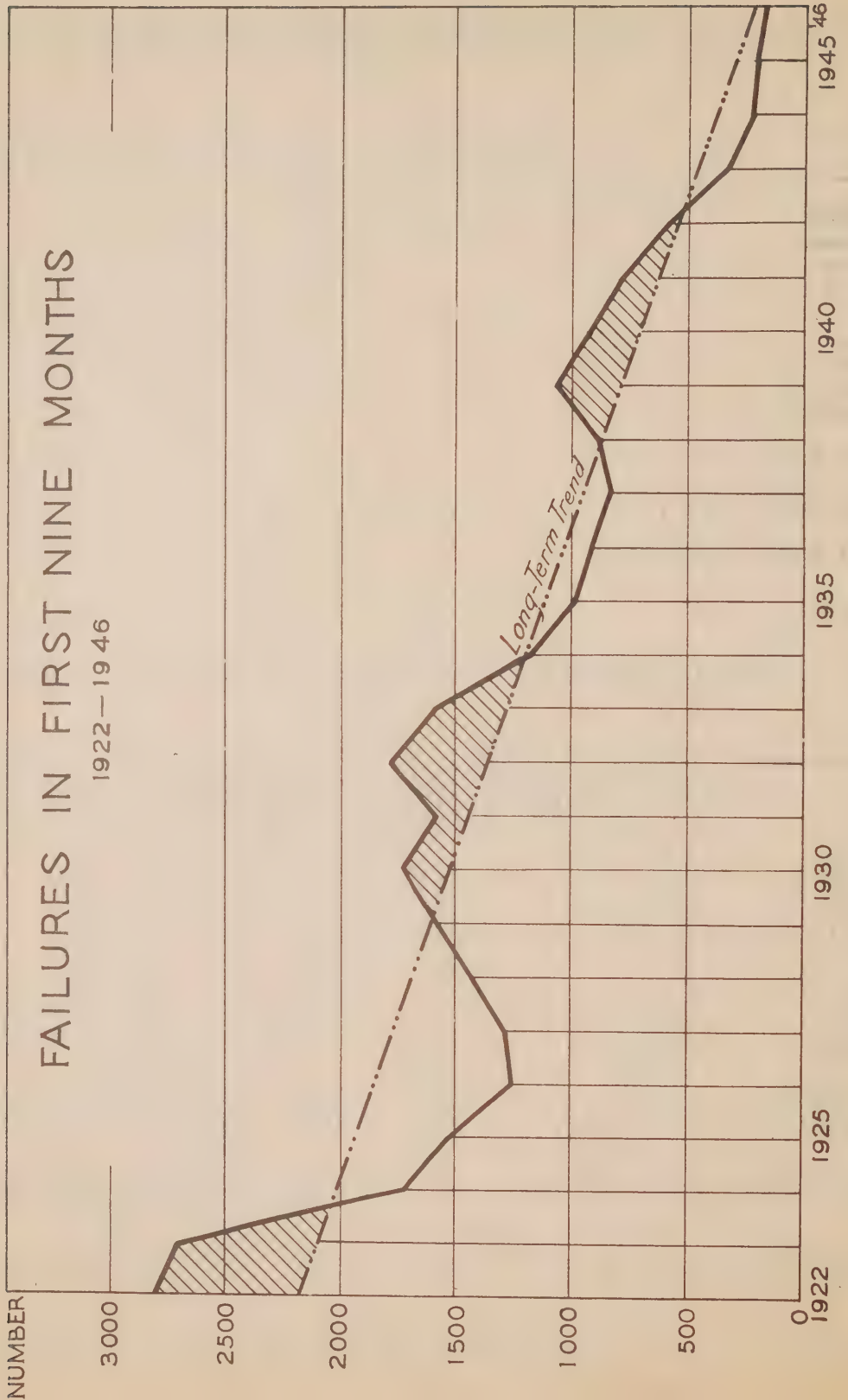
1946

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	1	-	20
February	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
March	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	-	1	20
April	-	-	-	17	4	-	-	-	-	21
May	-	1	-	15	-	-	-	-	2	18
June	-	-	-	16	2	-	-	2	-	20
July	-	1	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	25
August	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	3	14
September	-	-	1	20	2	1	-	-	1	25
Nine Months' Total, 1946 ..	-	2	1	151	12	1	-	3	7	177
Nine Months' Total, 1945 ..	1	3	1	167	20	2	-	2	6	202
Nine Months' Total, 1944 ..	-	2	-	168	29	-	3	2	8	212

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

1946

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	5	9	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	-	20
February	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	-	14
March	6	5	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	1	20
April	8	3	-	-	-	1	2	1	6	-	21
May	3	5	-	-	-	3	-	2	3	2	18
June	4	6	-	-	1	2	-	1	4	2	20
July	4	4	-	-	-	4	1	-	8	4	25
August	3	3	-	1	-	3	1	-	3	-	14
September	7	3	-	1	-	2	3	-	6	3	25
Nine Months' Total, 1946..	45	40	-	3	2	18	10	5	42	12	177
Nine Months' Total, 1945..	41	38	1	-	3	34	10	3	52	20	202
Nine Months' Total, 1944..	60	36	2	1	2	19	8	6	53	25	212



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CANADIAN FAILURES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BANKRUPTCY
AND WINDING UP ACTS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1946

The number of commercial failures for the year 1946 was 278, showing a slight increase over the preceding year when the standing was 272. The number may be compared with 260 for 1944, when the lowest point was reached since statistics were first collected in 1922.

The defaulted liabilities showed an increase in the period under review. The total was \$5,966,000 compared with \$3,995,000 in 1945 and \$3,460,000 in 1944, when the minimum liabilities were recorded.

A word should be added as regards the value to be placed upon figures of assets and liabilities. Such values are estimates made by a debtor and, unfortunately, are not uniformly made. The human equation enters into them to a considerable degree and they must be accepted with this qualification.

Commercial Failures by Areas:

During the year there were five failures in the Maritime Provinces, the same as in the preceding year. In Quebec, the failures increased from 225 in 1945 to 236 in 1946; while in Ontario the number dropped from 27 to 20. In the Prairie Provinces a betterment was shown, the number dropping from 7 in 1945 to 5 in 1946; while in British Columbia failures increased from 8 in 1945 to 12 in 1946.

Failures by Branches of Business:

The failures in trade were greater than in any other group of the classification, the increase from 1945 having been from 58 to 77. Failing manufacturing concerns increased from 54 to 57; while in agriculture, logging and mining, the failures rose from 5 in 1945 to 9 in 1946.

Construction firms fell from 39 in 1945 to 32 in 1946 and in transportation 14 occurred, compared with 12 in the preceding year. Seven failures were shown in finance during 1946, one more than in 1945. The decline in services of different classes was from 70 to 64.

Table 1. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES
1922 - 1946

Year	Number of Failures			Defaulted Liabilities		
	Nine Months	Last Quarter	Year	Nine Months	Last Quarter	Year
				\$	\$	\$
1922	2,800	1,125	3,925	-	-	-
1923	2,707	701	3,408	46,573,353	15,044,174	61,617,527
1924	1,717	602	2,319	37,433,592	10,671,805	48,105,397
1925	1,513	483	1,996	23,889,896	8,263,801	32,153,697
1926	1,257	516	1,773	22,015,579	10,275,546	32,291,125
1927	1,294	547	1,841	20,865,970	9,768,499	30,634,469
1928	1,414	623	2,037	20,756,502	11,688,935	32,455,437
1929	1,589	578	2,167	26,618,648	12,128,990	38,747,638
1930	1,725	677	2,402	36,648,414	11,515,651	48,164,065
1931	1,581	635	2,216	32,740,366	19,812,534	52,552,900
1932	1,793	627	2,420	30,012,931	21,616,372	51,629,303
1933	1,585	459	2,044	26,347,327	6,606,531	32,953,858
1934	1,159	373	1,532	17,814,461	5,783,799	23,598,260
1935	980	334	1,314	12,975,483	4,591,519	17,567,002
1936	908	290	1,198	11,967,160	3,177,785	15,144,945
1937	827	299	1,126	10,109,873	4,193,489	14,303,362
1938	887	332	1,219	10,114,742	3,902,319	14,017,061
1939	1,060	332	1,392	11,571,298	3,518,163	15,089,461
1940	907	266	1,173	8,644,517	2,018,809	10,663,326
1941	772	236	1,008	7,129,101	2,004,556	9,133,657
1942	572	165	737	4,191,508	1,827,800	6,019,308
1943	340	81	421	4,692,940	646,583	5,339,523
1944	212	43	260	2,739,560	720,621	3,460,181
1945	202	70	272	2,482,718	1,512,391	3,995,109
1946	177	101	278	4,263,568	1,702,585	5,966,153

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR 1946 WITH TOTALS FOR 1945

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for 1946	1945
<u>TRADE</u>										
General Stores	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	9
Grocery	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	7
Confectionery	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and Meat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Boots and Shoes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry Goods	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Clothing	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
Furniture	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Books and Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Automobile	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Apparatus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jewelry	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	2
Coal and Wood	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	3
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	1	-	26	4	-	-	1	1	33	18
Total Trade	2	-	68	5	-	-	1	1	77	58
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	5	5
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Fur and Leather	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	3
Pulp and Paper	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Textiles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Clothing	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
Lumber and Manufactures ..	-	-	6	1	1	-	1	3	12	14
Iron and Steel	-	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	11	8
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	5	4
Non-metallic Minerals	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	8
Total Manufactures	-	-	45	5	1	-	3	3	57	54
<u>SERVICE</u>										
Garage	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Other Custom and Repair ..	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	9	8
Personal Service	-	-	23	1	-	-	-	-	24	25
Restaurants	-	1	11	1	-	-	-	-	13	10
Professional Service	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	13
Recreational Service	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Business Service	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Total Service	1	1	60	2	-	-	-	-	64	70

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR 1946 WITH TOTALS FOR 1945 - Concluded

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for 1946	1945
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Mining	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	3
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	4	-
Construction	-	-	27	3	-	-	-	2	32	39
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	10	2	-	-	-	2	14	12
Finance	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	1	7	6
Total Other	-	-	47	8	-	-	-	7	62	62
Not Classified	-	1	16	-	-	-	-	1	18	28
GRAND TOTAL	3	2	236	20	1	-	4	12	278	272

Table 3. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, LAST QUARTER OF 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1945 and 1944

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	1,945	3,060
New Brunswick	1	-	13,404
Quebec	85	802,438	1,317,056
Ontario	8	167,089	229,255
Manitoba	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	1	5,500	7,362
British Columbia	5	62,918	132,448
Cumulative Total for Three Months			
1946	101	1,039,890	1,702,585
1945	70	692,408	1,512,391
1944	48	319,225	720,621

Table 4. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES

1946

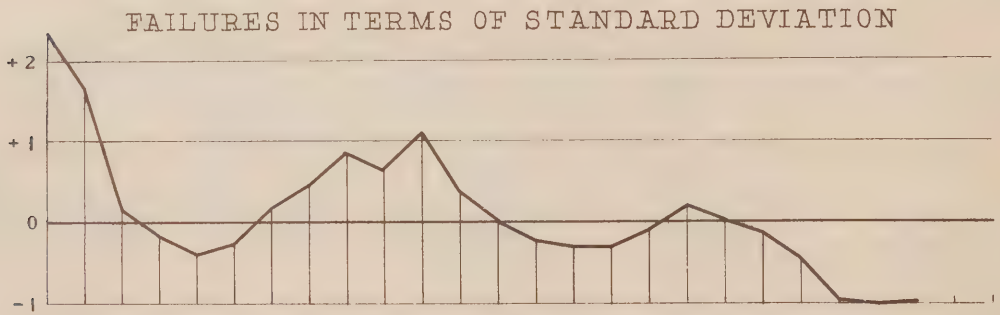
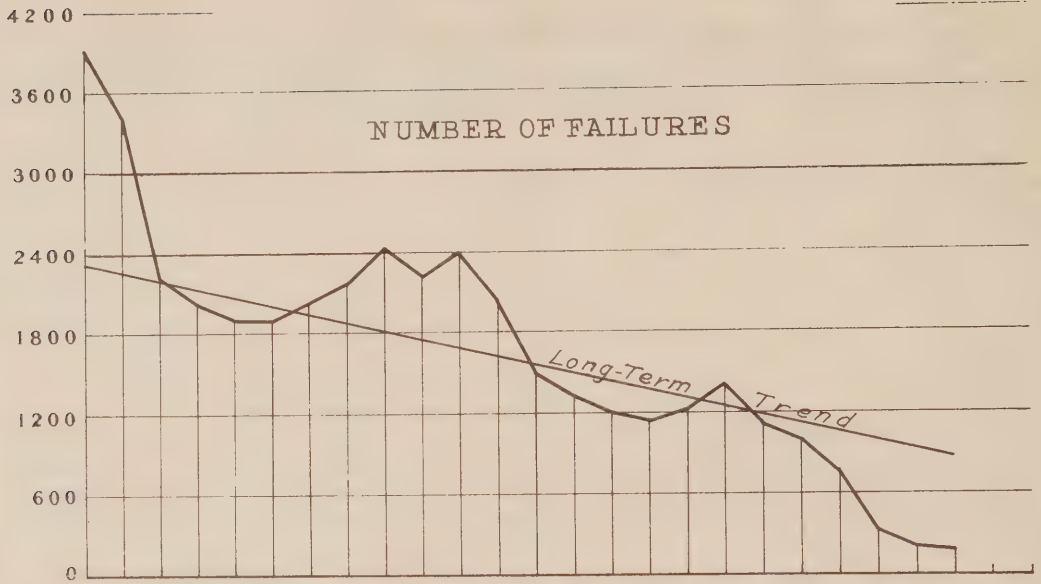
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	1	-	20
February	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
March	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	-	1	20
April	-	-	-	17	4	-	-	-	-	21
May	-	1	-	15	-	-	-	-	2	18
June	-	-	-	16	2	-	-	2	-	20
July	-	1	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	25
August	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	3	14
September	-	-	1	20	2	1	-	-	1	25
October	-	-	-	33	3	-	-	-	-	36
November	-	1	1	23	2	-	-	-	3	30
December	-	-	-	29	3	-	-	1	2	35
Twelve Months' Total, 1946 .	-	3	2	236	20	1	-	4	12	278
Twelve Months' Total, 1945 .	1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
Twelve Months' Total, 1944 .	-	2	-	209	29	1	5	3	11	260

Table 5. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

1946

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	5	9	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	-	20
February	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	-	14
March	6	5	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	1	20
April	8	3	-	-	-	1	2	1	6	-	21
May	3	5	-	-	-	3	-	2	3	2	18
June	4	6	-	-	1	2	-	1	4	2	20
July	4	4	-	-	-	4	1	-	8	4	25
August	3	3	-	1	-	3	1	-	3	-	14
September	7	3	-	1	-	2	3	-	6	3	25
October	12	6	1	1	1	5	-	1	9	-	36
November	9	3	-	-	-	5	2	1	6	4	30
December	11	8	1	-	-	4	2	-	7	2	35
Twelve Months' Total, 1946 .	77	57	2	4	3	32	14	7	64	18	278
Twelve Months' Total, 1945 .	58	54	2	-	3	39	12	6	70	28	272
Twelve Months' Total, 1944 .	71	42	4	2	3	27	11	7	62	31	260

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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1947

Commercial failures in the first quarter of 1947 rose to 120, a larger number than in the same period of any year, since 1943. This number is considerably lower than in pre-war years, comparing with 371 for the first quarter of 1939. Concerns failing were more than twice as numerous as in the first quarter of 1946, when the number was 54, and may be compared with 83 and 94 for the years 1945 and 1944 respectively.

The liabilities for the first quarter of the year aggregated \$1,431,807, compared with \$1,467,014 in 1946, a slight falling off being noted in this comparison. An increase occurred in liabilities when compared with the same periods of 1945 and 1944. Liabilities for the same period of the last pre-war year of 1939 having been \$3,592,118, a considerable decrease is shown in the quarter under review.

Commercial Failures by Areas:

During the quarter, there were three failures in the Maritime Provinces, compared with none in the same period of the preceding year. In Quebec, the failures increased from 48 in 1946 to 98 in 1947, while in Ontario there were 15 for the period under review, compared with 4 for the same months of 1946. No failures were shown for the Prairie Provinces, while in British Columbia the number increased from one in 1946 to four in 1947.

Failures by Branches of Business:

Failures in trade were greater than in any other group of the classification, the increase from 1946 having been from 16 to 37. Failing manufacturing concerns increased from 16 to 34, while in agriculture, logging and mining, the failures rose from 2 in 1946 to 5 in 1947. The increase in services of different classes was from 12 in 1946 to 17 in 1947.

Table 1. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES
FIRST QUARTER 1922 - 1947

Year	January	February	March	First Quarter	Liabilities First Quarter
1922	374	340	340	1,054	-
1923	387	355	368	1,110	19,674,767
1924	291	260	223	774	14,333,053
1925	270	162	198	630	8,528,251
1926	184	144	136	464	7,564,017
1927	191	143	164	498	6,789,891
1928	197	188	164	549	7,382,987
1929	269	197	180	646	12,796,460
1930	261	205	201	667	17,091,691
1931	240	188	173	606	11,944,578
1932	238	221	208	667	11,110,423
1933	216	214	192	622	11,377,803
1934	153	140	140	433	6,105,814
1935	107	130	124	361	3,658,986
1936	104	131	103	338	4,483,439
1937	82	92	85	259	3,136,865
1938	104	107	107	318	3,356,821
1939	127	130	114	371	3,592,118
1940	124	107	100	331	3,535,992
1941	102	100	92	294	2,456,718
1942	84	76	67	227	2,035,864
1943	40	39	51	130	2,286,519
1944	36	28	30	94	1,185,693
1945	35	34	14	83	1,392,780
1946	20	14	20	54	1,467,014
1947	33	41	46	120	1,431,807

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1947, WITH TOTALS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, 1946.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for First Quarter	
									1947	1946
TRADE										
General Stores	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	7	-
Grocery	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Confectionery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Fish and Meat	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Boots and Shoes	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Dry goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Clothing	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Furniture	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Books and Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Automobile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Apparatus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Jewelry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Coal and Wood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	9	2	-	-	-	1	12	8
Total Trade	1	-	32	3	-	-	-	1	37	16
MANUFACTURES										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	4	-
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fur and Leather	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	6	4
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Textiles	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Clothing	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Lumber and Manufactures .	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	6	3
Iron and Steel	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	3
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Non-metallic Minerals ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	6	2
Total Manufactures	-	1	28	4	-	-	-	1	34	16
SERVICE										
Garage	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Other Custom and Repair .	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Personal Service	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	6
Restaurants	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Professional Service	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
Recreational Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Service	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	12

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1947, WITH TOTALS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, 1946 - Cont'd.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for First Quarter	
									1947	1946
OTHER										
Agriculture	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	4	1
Construction	-	-	8	4	-	-	-	1	13	3
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	6	3
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total Other	-	-	16	6	-	-	-	2	24	9
Not Classified	1	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	8	1
GRAND TOTAL	2	1	98	15	-	-	-	4	120	54

Table 3. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1947, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1946 and 1945

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	1	2,817	5,512
Nova Scotia	1	16,504	23,887
New Brunswick	1	5,984	11,572
Quebec	98	409,497	949,332
Ontario	15	487,359	379,651
Manitoba	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	-	-	-
British Columbia	4	32,441	61,853
Cumulative Total for Three Months .			
1947	120	954,602	1,431,807
1946	54	815,056	1,467,014
1945	83	637,986	1,392,780

Table 4. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1947

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	25	6	-	-	-	2	33
February	-	-	-	36	5	-	-	-	-	41
March	1	1	1	37	4	-	-	-	2	46
Three Months' Total, 1947 ..	1	1	1	98	15	-	-	-	4	120
Three Months' Total, 1946 ..	-	-	-	48	4	-	-	1	1	54
Three Months' Total, 1945 ..	1	3	1	63	11	-	-	1	3	83

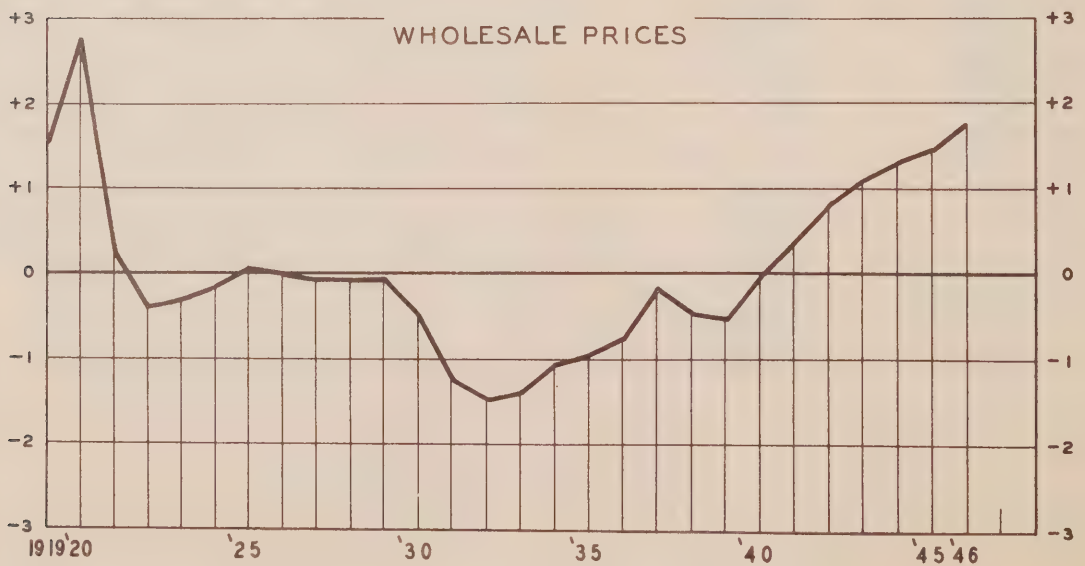
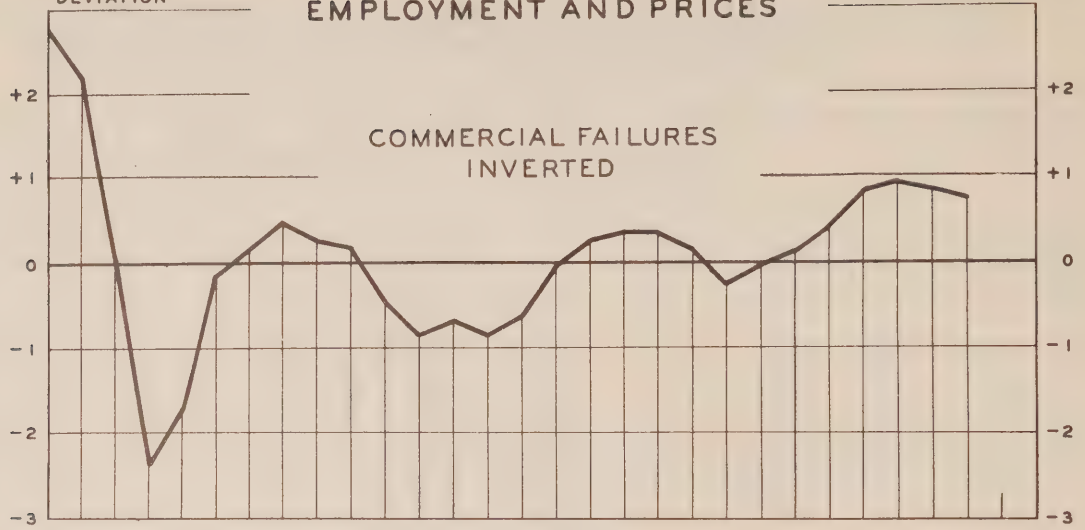
Table 5. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1947

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	9	10	-	2	-	3	2	-	5	2	33
February	12	12	-	2	-	5	2	-	5	3	41
March	16	12	1	-	-	5	2	-	7	3	46
Three Months' Total, 1947.	37	34	1	4	-	13	6	-	17	8	120
Three Months' Total, 1946.	16	16	-	1	1	3	3	1	12	1	54
Three Months' Total, 1945.	23	16	1	-	2	14	2	2	19	4	83

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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1946

Bankruptcies, owing to favourable economic conditions, reached a new low level in the first quarter of the present year. A downward trend has persisted since the computation was first effected in 1922 and consecutive declines have been shown year by year since the corresponding period immediately preceding the last war. As indicated by the avoidance of bankruptcy proceedings, war conditions were obviously favourable for the continuity of business operations.

Failures were numerous in the depression period following the first world war. A marked decline was shown from 1923 to 1926 when assignments reached a low point for the period. First quarter failures again reached a minimum in 1937, the culmination of an intermediate economic cycle. The decline has been continuous from 1939, following the appreciable increase of the two preceding years.

Failures dropped to 54 in the first quarter of the present year compared with 83 in the same period of 1945. The number was less than in the first quarter of any other year since 1922 when the statistics were first collected. The largest number for the first quarter during the period of observation was 1,100 recorded for 1923.

The liabilities of firms and individuals making assignments during the first quarter were \$1,467,000 compared with \$1,393,000 in the same period of 1945. Liabilities have shown a downward trend since 1923 when the computation was commenced.

A word should be added as regards the value to be placed upon figures of assets and liabilities. Such values are estimates made by a debtor and unfortunately are not uniformly made. The human equation enters into them to a considerable degree and they must be accepted with this qualification.

Failures among trading establishments are normally more numerous than in other main groups. Failures of trading establishments receded from 23 to 16 in the period under review. In manufactures the number at 16 was unchanged from the same period of 1945. The decline in services of different classes was to 12 from 19 last last year, while a decrease from 21 to 9 was shown in other activities.

There were no failures in the Maritimes during the first quarter contrasting with three last year. The decline in Quebec was from 63 to 48, while only 4 were reported for Ontario against 11 one year ago. In the list for the Prairie Provinces, one failure was recorded in Alberta last year, while one is again shown in the elapsed period of 1946. One failure occurred in British Columbia against three failures one year ago.

Table 1. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES
FIRST QUARTER OF 1946

Year	N u m b e r				Liabilities First Quarter
	January	February	March	First Quarter	
1922	374	340	340	1,054	-
1923	387	355	368	1,110	19,674,767
1924	291	260	223	774	14,333,053
1925	270	162	198	630	8,528,251
1926	184	144	136	464	7,564,017
1927	191	143	164	498	5,755,891
1928	197	188	164	549	7,382,987
1929	269	197	180	646	12,786,460
1930	261	205	201	667	17,091,691
1931	240	188	178	606	11,944,578
1932	238	221	208	667	11,110,423
1933	216	214	192	622	11,377,803
1934	153	140	140	433	6,106,814
1935	107	120	124	361	3,658,986
1936	104	131	103	338	4,483,439
1937	82	92	85	259	3,136,865
1938	104	107	107	318	3,356,821
1939	127	130	114	371	3,592,118
1940	124	107	100	331	3,535,992
1941	102	100	92	294	2,456,718
1942	84	76	67	227	2,035,864
1943	40	39	51	130	2,286,519
1944	36	28	30	94	1,185,693
1945	35	34	14	83	1,392,780
1946	20	14	20	54	1,467,014

Total Service

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, 1945 - Cont'd.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for First Quarter 1946	1945
OTHER										
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mining	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Construction	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	14
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	2
Finance	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total Other	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	9	21
Not Classified	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
GRAND TOTAL	-	-	48	4	-	-	1	1	54	83

Table 3. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1946, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1945 and 1944

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	48	173,335	435,206
Ontario	4	180,073	218,883
Manitoba	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	1	449,148	780,765
British Columbia	1	12,500	32,160
Cumulative Total for Three Months			
1946	54	815,056	1,467,014
1945	83	637,986	1,392,780
1944	94	535,644	1,135,693

Table 4. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1946.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	1	-	20
February	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
March	-	-	-	17	2	-	-	-	1	20
Three Months' Total, 1946 ..	-	-	-	48	4	-	-	1	1	54
Three Months' Total, 1945 ..	1	3	1	63	11	-	-	1	3	83
Three Months' Total, 1944 ..	-	2	-	72	13	-	3	-	4	94

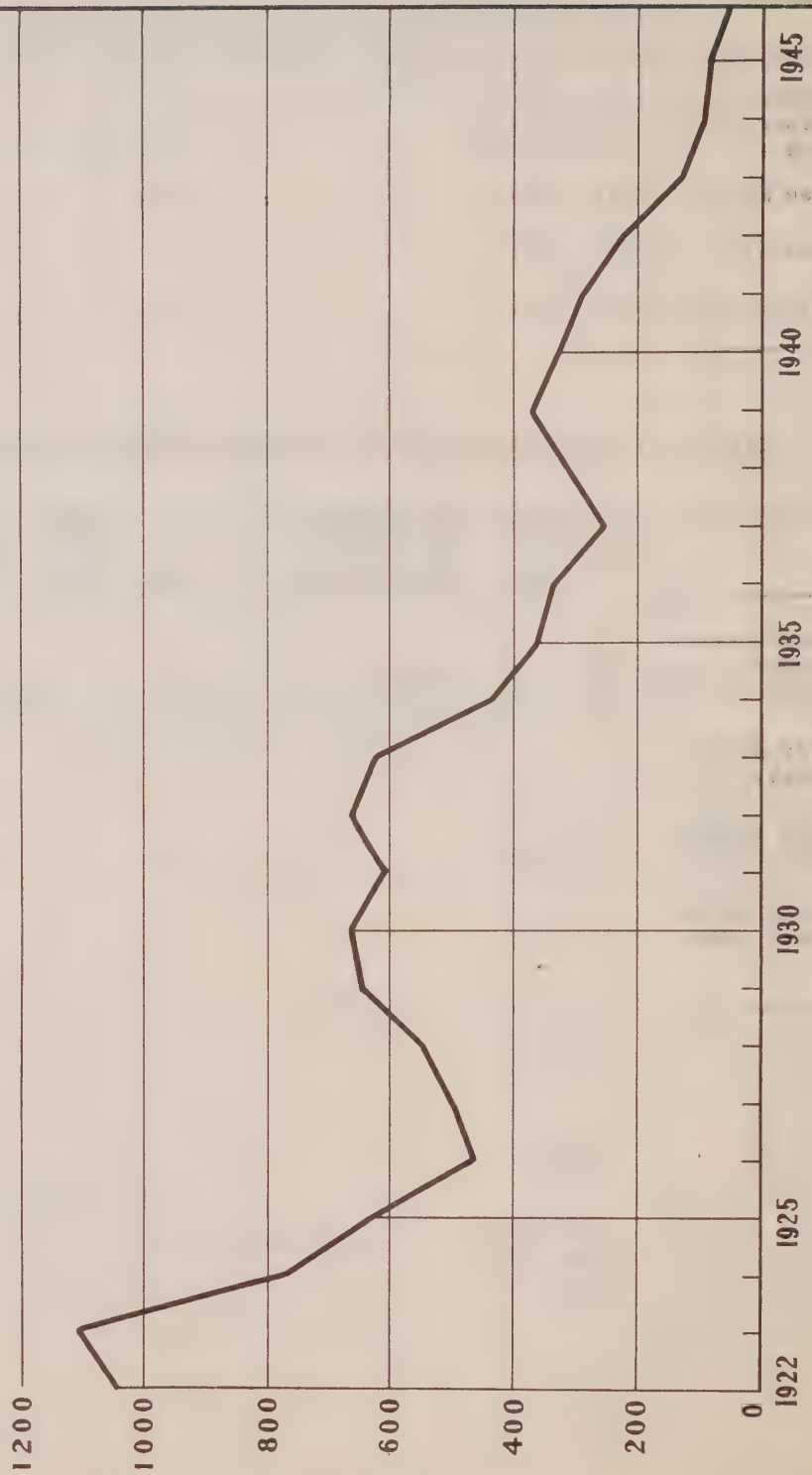
Table 5. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1946

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	5	9	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	-	20
February	5	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	-	14
March	6	5	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	1	20
Three Months' Total, 1946 .	16	16	-	1	1	3	3	1	12	1	54
Three Months' Total, 1945 .	23	13	1	-	2	14	2	2	19	4	83
Three Months' Total, 1944 .	30	11	1	-	-	7	5	2	29	9	94

NUMBER OF FAILURES

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CANADIAN FAILURES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP
ACTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1947.

Concerns failing in the third quarter of 1947 rose to 136, a larger number than in the same period of any year since 1942. Despite the sharp increase over the third quarter of 1946, failures were considerably lower than in the same period of pre-war years, comparing with 343 for the third quarter of 1939. Defaulting firms were more than twice as numerous as in the same period of 1946, when the number was 64, and may be compared with 55 and 57 for the years 1945 and 1944, respectively.

Current liabilities for the third quarter of the year aggregated \$2,596,741, compared with \$1,752,605 for the same period of 1946, a sizable increase being noted in this comparison. This is the highest total for the period under review since the pre-war year, 1939, when liabilities were \$3,789,520.

Comparisons With the First Nine Months of 1946.

Failures rose appreciably in the first nine months of 1947, the number, 402, being greater than in the same period of any year since 1942. The increase over the first nine months of 1946 was about 227 per cent., the total for that period having been 177.

Commercial Failures by Areas.--

During the first nine months, there were 13 failures in the Maritime Provinces compared with three last year. In the Province of Quebec, the number of failures at 310 in 1947 was more than double the 151 reported for 1946.

In Ontario, an advance was recorded, the number increasing from 12 in 1946 to 51 in 1947. Nine failures were shown in the Prairie Provinces compared with 4 in the same period of 1946, while in the Pacific Province failures also showed a sizable increase, rising from 7 in 1946 to 19 in 1947.

Failures by Branches of Business.--

In trade, failures totalled 111, compared with 45 in the same period of last year. Failing manufacturing establishments increased from 40 to 118. Nine failures were reported in the primary industries where five failures occurred in the first nine months of the preceding year, while services increased from 42 in 1946 to 66 in 1947.

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES.
1923 - 1947.

Year	Number of Failures			Defaulted Liabilities		
	First Half	Third Quarter	Nine Months	First Half	Third Quarter	Nine Months
1923	1,996	711	2,707	35,280,185	11,293,168	46,573,353
1924	1,280	437	1,717	29,089,870	8,343,722	37,433,592
1925	1,097	416	1,513	17,314,641	6,575,215	23,889,896
1926	864	393	1,257	14,822,794	7,192,785	22,015,579
1927	891	403	1,294	13,743,501	7,122,469	20,865,970
1928	960	454	1,414	14,085,085	6,671,417	20,756,502
1929	1,153	436	1,589	20,561,131	6,057,517	26,618,648
1930	1,205	520	1,725	27,123,342	9,525,072	36,648,414
1931	1,109	472	1,581	22,712,656	10,027,710	32,740,366
1932	1,240	466	1,793	21,223,450	8,789,481	30,012,931
1933	1,139	447	1,585	19,355,795	6,991,532	26,347,327
1934	821	338	1,159	13,017,644	4,796,817	17,814,461
1935	678	302	980	8,518,268	4,457,215	12,975,483
1936	629	279	908	8,511,715	3,455,445	11,967,160
1937	538	289	827	6,726,681	3,383,192	10,109,873
1938	607	280	887	6,816,873	3,297,869	10,114,742
1939	717	343	1,060	7,781,778	3,789,520	11,571,298
1940	651	256	907	6,559,057	2,085,460	8,644,517
1941	555	217	772	5,196,489	1,932,612	7,129,101
1942	399	173	572	3,242,557	948,951	4,191,508
1943	238	102	340	3,408,820	1,284,120	4,692,940
1944	155	57	212	1,942,277	797,283	2,739,560
1945	147	55	202	1,789,659	693,059	2,482,718
1946	113	64	177	2,510,963	1,752,605	4,263,568
1947	266	136	402	4,533,560	2,596,741	7,130,301

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR

THE THIRD QUARTER 1947, WITH TOTALS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1946.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter	
									1947	1946
TRADE										
General Stores	-	-	5	1	-	-	1	2	9	3
Grocery	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Confectionery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and Meat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boots and Shoes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry Goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Clothing	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	5	-
Furniture	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Books and Stationery ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Automobile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Apparatus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jewelry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal and Wood	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	9	3	-	-	-	1	13	8
Total Trade	-	2	23	8	-	-	1	3	37	14
MANUFACTURES										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	6	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
Fur and Leather	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textiles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Lumber and Manufactures	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	1	9	3
Iron and Steel	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	3
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Non-metallic Minerals .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	2	10	1
Total Manufactures	1	-	30	6	-	-	-	4	41	10
SERVICE										
Garage	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	2
Other custom and repair	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	4
Personal Service	-	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	11	3
Restaurants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Professional Service ..	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	4	2
Recreational Service ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Business Service	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Total Service	-	1	22	-	-	-	-	2	25	19

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1947, WITH TOTALS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1946 - Continued

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter 1947 1946	
OTHER										
Agriculture.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Logging, Fish and Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Construction	-	-	9	2	-	-	1	-	12	9
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	5	5
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other	-	-	13	2	-	-	2	-	17	16
Not Classified	1	2	10	3	-	-	-	-	16	5
GRAND TOTAL	2	5	98	19	-	-	3	9	136	64

TABLE 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD THREE MONTHS OF 1947, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1946 AND 1945

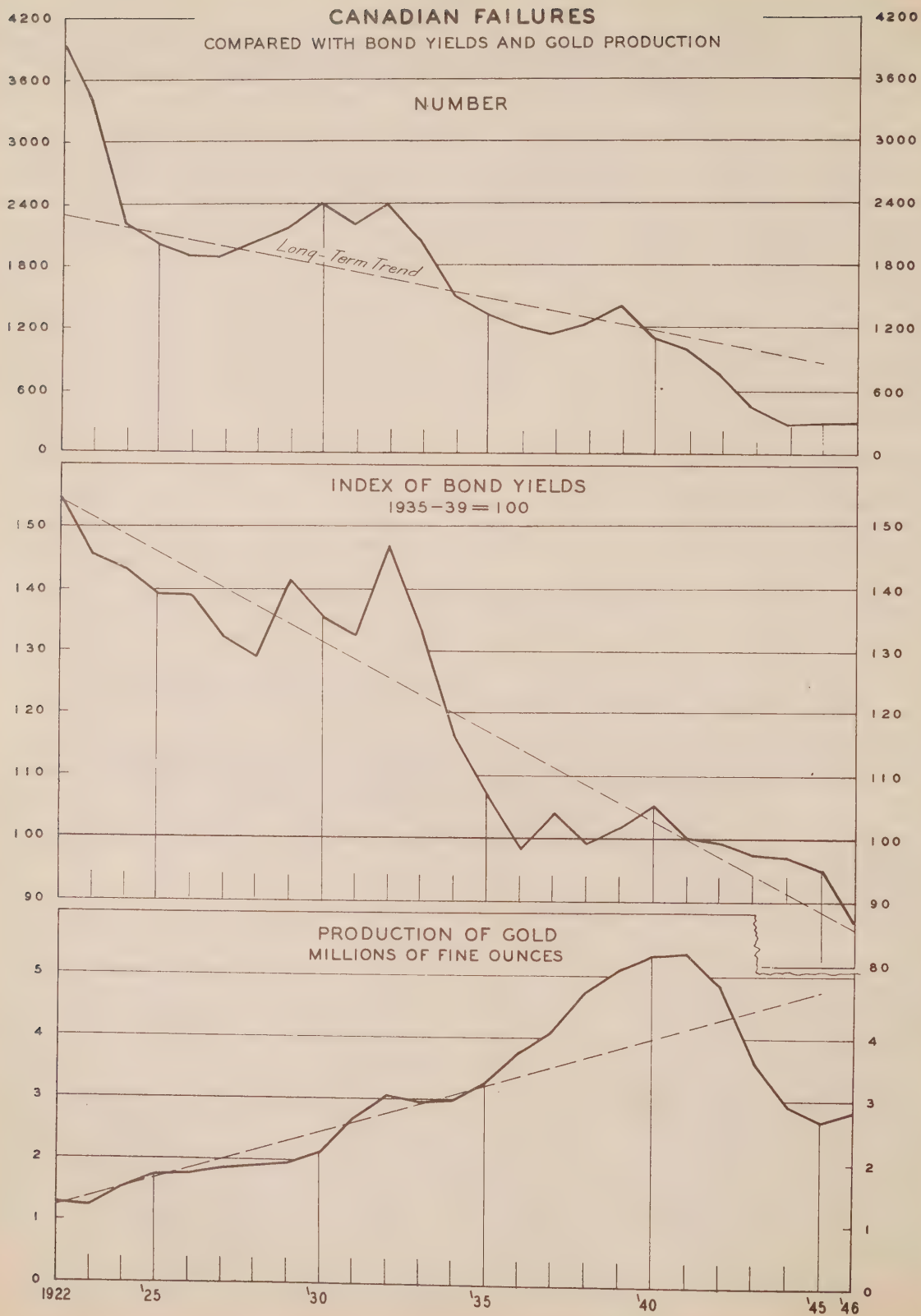
	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	2	14,261	34,401
New Brunswick	5	7,740	17,844
Quebec	98	1,087,805	1,689,215
Ontario	19	418,241	642,439
Manitoba	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	3	41,722	40,360
British Columbia	9	128,968	172,482
Cumulative Total for Three Months .			
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1946	64	1,318,510	1,752,605
1945	55	341,842	693,059

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1947

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	25	6	-	-	-	2	33
February	-	-	-	36	5	-	-	-	-	41
March	1	1	1	37	4	-	-	-	2	46
April	-	-	-	44	4	2	-	1	3	54
May	-	2	-	36	5	-	1	-	3	47
June	-	-	1	34	8	1	-	1	-	45
July	-	-	2	35	5	-	-	-	3	45
August	-	1	1	28	5	-	-	2	-	37
September	-	1	2	35	9	-	-	1	6	54
Nine Months' Total, 1947 ..	1	5	7	310	51	3	1	5	19	402
Nine Months' Total, 1946 ..	-	2	1	151	12	1	-	3	7	177
Nine Months' Total, 1945 ..	1	3	1	167	20	2	-	2	6	202

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1947

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	9	10	-	2	-	3	2	-	5	2	33
February	12	12	-	2	-	5	2	-	5	3	41
March	16	12	1	-	-	5	2	-	7	3	46
April	14	17	1	1	-	5	1	1	11	3	54
May	14	13	-	2	-	8	1	2	4	3	47
June	9	13	-	-	-	6	2	2	9	4	45
July	13	14	-	-	-	5	1	-	8	4	45
August	14	9	-	-	-	2	1	-	6	5	37
September	10	18	-	-	-	5	3	-	11	7	54
Nine Months' Total, 1947 ..	111	118	2	7	-	44	15	5	66	34	402
Nine Months' Total, 1946 ..	45	40	-	3	2	18	10	5	42	12	177
Nine Months' Total, 1945 ..	41	38	1	-	3	34	10	3	52	20	202



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The advance in the number of commercial failures and the amount of defaulted liabilities continued in 1947 for the third consecutive year. The lowest level in the period covered by official records was shown in 1944, when war activity reduced business fatalities to a minimum. The number of failures in 1947 was nearly double that of the preceding year. Minor increases had been shown in 1945 and 1946. The failures rose from 278 in the latter to 545 last year, and the sum in liabilities was from \$5,966,000 to \$10,078,000.

A declining trend was in evidence from 1923 to the present time in both failures and liabilities. The factors were at particularly high levels during the depression following the first world war. The prosperous periods culminating in 1923-9, 1937 and 1944, led to a marked reduction in bankruptcy proceedings. A greater number of failures reflected the depressed economic conditions of the early twenties, and from 1930 to 1933.

The fluctuations in liabilities followed the general pattern of the number of failures. The extent of the cyclical movements in the former, however, were relatively less pronounced from the early thirties to the present.

Commercial Failures By Areas

During the year there were 15 failures in the Maritime Provinces as compared with 5 in the preceding year. The failures in Quebec increased from 236 in 1946 to 422 in 1947, while in Ontario the number was augmented from 20 to 72. In the Prairie Provinces, a considerable increase was also shown, the failures numbering 12, compared with 5 in 1946, while in the Pacific Province, failures increased from 12 to 24.

Failures By Branches of Business

The failures in trade numbered 153, compared with 77 for the preceding year. Failing manufacturing concerns increased from 57 to 152, while in the primary industries, the number rose from 9 in 1946 to 13 in 1947.

Construction firms increased from 32 to 57, and in transportation 20 failures occurred, compared with 14 in the preceding year. Five failures were shown in finance for the year, and 92 in services of different classes.

Table 1. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES
1922 - 1947

Year	Number of Failures			Defaulted Liabilities		
	Nine Months	Last Quarter	Year	Nine Months	Last Quarter	Year
1922	2,800	1,125	3,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1923	2,707	701	3,408	46,573,353	15,044,174	61,617,527
1924	1,717	602	2,319	37,433,592	10,671,805	48,105,397
1925	1,513	483	1,996	23,889,896	8,263,801	32,153,697
1926	1,257	516	1,773	22,015,579	10,275,546	32,291,125
1927	1,294	547	1,841	20,865,970	9,768,499	30,634,469
1928	1,414	623	2,037	20,756,502	11,688,935	32,455,437
1929	1,589	578	2,167	26,618,648	12,128,990	38,747,638
1930	1,725	677	2,402	36,648,414	11,515,651	48,164,065
1931	1,581	635	2,216	32,740,366	19,812,534	52,552,900
1932	1,793	627	2,420	30,012,931	21,616,372	51,629,303
1933	1,585	459	2,044	26,347,327	6,606,531	32,953,858
1934	1,159	373	1,532	17,814,461	5,783,799	23,598,260
1935	980	334	1,314	12,975,483	4,591,519	17,567,002
1936	908	290	1,198	11,967,160	3,177,785	15,144,945
1937	827	299	1,126	10,109,873	4,193,489	14,303,362
1938	887	332	1,219	10,114,742	3,902,319	14,017,061
1939	1,060	332	1,392	11,571,298	3,518,163	15,089,461
1940	907	266	1,173	8,644,517	2,018,809	10,663,326
1941	772	236	1,008	7,129,101	2,004,556	9,133,657
1942	572	165	737	4,191,508	1,827,800	6,019,308
1943	340	81	421	4,692,940	646,583	5,339,523
1944	212	48	260	2,739,560	720,621	3,460,181
1945	202	70	272	2,482,718	1,512,391	3,995,109
1946	177	101	278	4,263,568	1,702,585	5,966,153
1947	402	143	545	7,130,301	2,947,256	10,077,557

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR 1947 WITH TOTALS FOR 1946

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter 1947 1946	
TRADE										
General Stores	3	-	17	2	1	-	1	2	26	10
Grocery	-	1	13	1	-	-	1	-	16	4
Confectionery	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	5	-
Fish and Meat	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
Boots and Shoes	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Dry Goods	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	3
Clothing	-	1	8	1	-	-	-	-	10	3
Furniture	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	5	2
Books and Stationery ..	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Automobile	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Hardware	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Electric Apparatus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jewelry	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Coal and Wood	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	9
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Miscellaneous	-	-	39	10	1	-	-	2	52	33
Total Trade	3	2	118	19	2	1	2	6	153	77
MANUFACTURES										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	13	2	-	-	-	-	15	5
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Animal Foods	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
Fur and Leather	-	-	16	2	-	-	-	-	18	6
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Textiles	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Clothing	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	2
Lumber and Manufactures	-	2	26	6	2	-	1	5	42	12
Iron and Steel	-	-	11	5	-	-	-	-	16	11
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	7	5
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	2
Miscellaneous	-	-	18	8	-	-	-	3	29	10
Total Manufactures	1	2	112	24	2	-	1	10	152	57
SERVICE										
Garage	-	-	9	1	-	-	1	1	12	2
Other Custom and Repair	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	9
Personal Service	-	1	28	1	-	-	-	-	30	24
Restaurants	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	13
Professional Service ..	-	-	16	1	-	-	-	1	18	8
Recreational Service ..	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Business Service	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	6
Total Service	-	1	85	3	-	-	1	2	92	64

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR 1947 WITH TOTALS FOR 1946 - Concluded

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter	
									1947	1946
OTHER										
Agriculture	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	6	2
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	7	4
Construction	2	-	42	7	-	1	1	4	57	32
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	17	2	-	-	1	-	20	14
Finance	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	5	7
Total Other	2	-	70	14	-	1	2	6	95	62
Not Classified	2	2	37	12	-	-	-	-	53	18
GRAND TOTAL	8	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545	278

Table 3. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, LAST QUARTER OF 1947, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1946 AND 1945

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	1	11,284	18,697
Nova Scotia	1	3,537	4,081
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	112	806,764	2,097,403
Ontario	21	433,711	643,675
Manitoba	1	3,652	12,366
Saskatchewan	1	-	-
Alberta	1	4,943	6,689
British Columbia	5	126,729	164,345
Total for last quarter 1947	143	1,390,620	2,947,256
1946	101	1,039,890	1,702,585
1945	70	692,408	1,512,391

Table 4. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES

1947

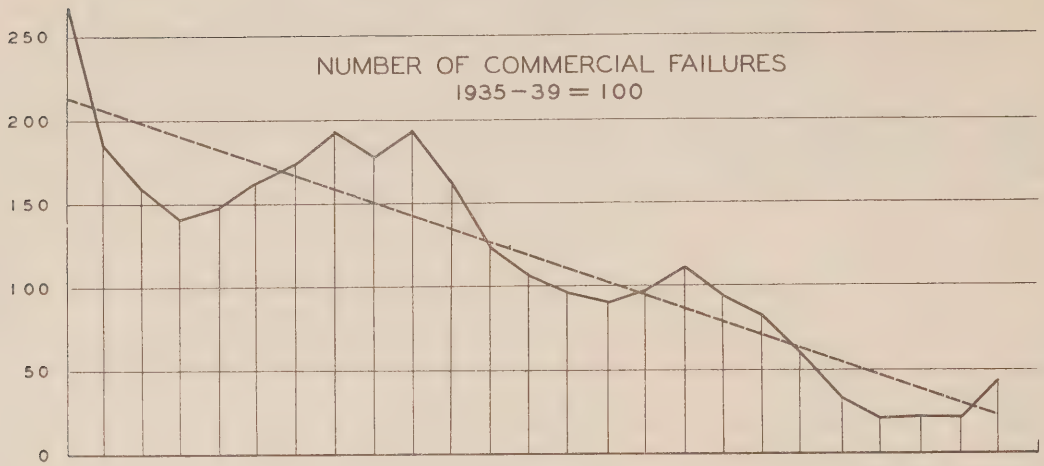
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	25	6	-	-	-	2	33
February	-	-	-	36	5	-	-	-	-	41
March	1	1	1	37	4	-	-	-	2	46
April	-	-	-	44	4	2	-	1	3	54
May	-	2	-	36	5	-	1	-	3	47
June	-	-	1	34	8	1	-	1	-	45
July	-	-	2	35	5	-	-	-	3	45
August	-	1	1	28	5	-	-	2	-	37
September	-	1	2	35	9	-	-	1	6	54
October	-	-	-	42	8	-	-	-	2	53
November	-	1	-	33	6	-	-	1	1	42
December	-	-	-	37	7	1	1	-	2	48
Total for year 1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
Total for year 1946	-	3	2	236	20	1	-	4	12	278
Total for year 1945	1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272

Table 5. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

1947

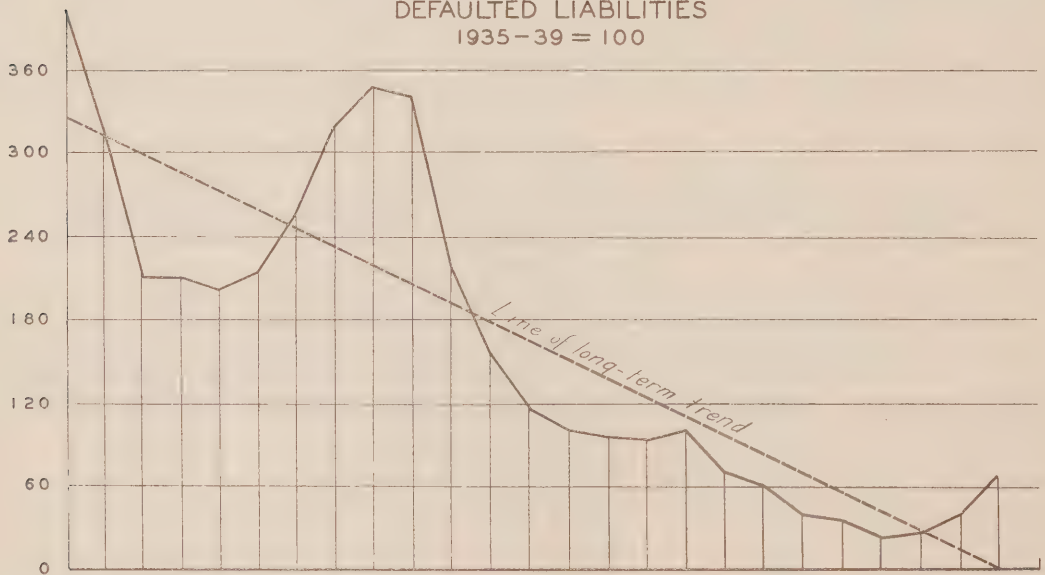
	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	9	10	-	2	-	3	2	-	5	2	33
February	12	12	-	2	-	5	2	-	5	3	41
March	16	12	1	-	-	5	2	-	7	3	46
April	14	17	1	1	-	5	1	1	11	3	54
May	14	13	-	2	-	8	1	2	4	3	47
June	9	13	-	-	-	6	2	2	9	4	45
July	13	14	-	-	-	5	1	-	8	4	45
August	14	9	-	-	-	2	1	-	6	5	37
September	10	18	-	-	-	5	3	-	11	7	54
October	18	11	3	-	-	5	1	-	8	7	53
November	14	12	-	-	-	2	2	-	6	6	42
December	10	11	1	-	-	6	2	-	12	6	48
Annual Total, 1947 ..	153	152	6	7	-	57	20	5	92	53	545
Annual Total, 1946 ..	77	57	2	4	3	32	14	7	64	18	278
Annual Total, 1945 ..	58	54	2	-	3	39	12	6	70	28	272

COMMERCIAL FAILURES



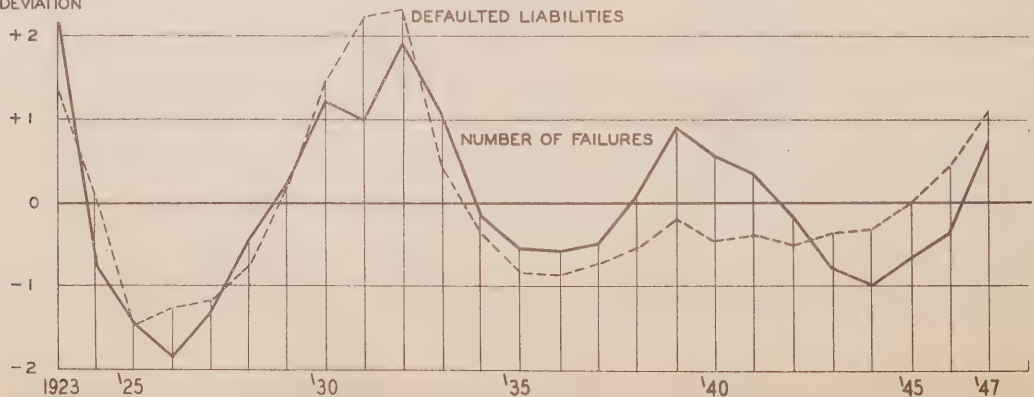
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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1948

Commercial failures in the first quarter of 1948 rose to 203, a larger number than in the same period of any year since 1942. This number is considerably lower than in pre-war years, comparing with 371 for the first quarter of 1939. When the number of failures for 1948 is compared with 120 for the same period of 1947, and 54 and 83 for 1946 and 1945, respectively, a decided increase is noted.

The liabilities for the first quarter of the year aggregated \$3,405,855, compared with \$1,431,807 in 1947, a considerable increase having been shown. An advance occurred in liabilities over the same periods of 1946 and 1945. Liabilities for the same period of the last pre-war year of 1939 having been \$3,592,118 a decline was shown in the quarter under review.

Commerical Failures by Areas:

During the quarter, there were 4 failures in the Maritimes, compared with 3 in the same period of 1947. In Quebec, the failures increased from 98 last year to 157 in 1948, while in Ontario there were 31 in the period under review, compared with 15. Three failures were shown in the Prairie Provinces while in British Columbia the number doubled from 4 in 1947 to 8 in 1948.

Failures by Branches of Business:

Failures in trade were greater than in any other group of the classification. the increase from 1947 having been from 37 to 67. Failing manufacturing concerns increased from 34 to 39, while the advance in services of different classes was from 17 to 42.

Table 2.- COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1948, WITH TOTALS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, 1947 - Cont'd.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for First Quarter	
									1948	1947
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Construction	-	-	13	3	1	-	-	2	19	13
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	-	10	6
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other	-	-	22	4	1	-	-	3	30	24
Not Classified	1	-	19	4	-	-	-	1	25	8
GRAND TOTAL	2	2	157	31	2	-	1	8	203	120

Table 3.- COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1948, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1947 AND 1946

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	1	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	4,460	10,311
New Brunswick	2	5,982	9,286
Quebec	157	733,109	2,326,585
Ontario	31	400,867	635,191
Manitoba	2	50,991	45,349
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	1	11,476	12,601
British Columbia	8	239,434	366,532
Cumulative Total for First Quarter -			
1948	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947	120	954,602	1,431,807
1946	54	815,056	1,467,014

Table 4. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1948.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	53	8	1	-	1	2	65
February	1	-	1	48	12	-	-	-	1	63
March	-	1	1	56	11	1	-	-	5	75
First Quarter Total, 1948 ...	1	1	2	157	31	2	-	1	8	203
First Quarter Total, 1947 ...	1	1	1	98	15	-	-	-	4	120
First Quarter Total, 1946 ...	-	-	-	48	4	-	-	1	1	54

Table 5. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES, FIRST QUARTER BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL
January	23	12	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February	22	13	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	22	14	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
First Quarter Total, 1948 ..	67	39	-	-	1	19	10	-	42	25	203
First Quarter Total, 1947 ..	37	34	1	4	-	13	6	-	17	8	120
First Quarter Total, 1946 ..	16	16	-	1	1	3	3	1	12	1	54

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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1948

Concerns failing in the second quarter of 1948 rose to 222, a larger number than in the same period of any year since 1941. Despite the sharp increase over the second quarter of 1947, failures were considerably lower than in the same period of pre-war years, comparing with 346 for the second quarter of 1939. Concerns failing showed an increase of about 52 p.c. over the same period of 1947, when the number was 146, and may be compared with 59 and 64 for the years 1946 and 1945 respectively.

Estimated current liabilities for the second quarter of the year aggregated \$3,716,852 compared with \$3,101,753 in the same period of 1947, an increase being noted. This is the highest total for the period under review since the pre-war year, 1939, when liabilities aggregated \$4,189,660.

Comparison With the First Six Months of 1947.

Failures rose appreciably in the first half of 1948, being greater than in the same period of any year since 1941. The 425 failures however, were less than in the first half of the previous years of the period of observation from 1922 to the early part of the second world war. The increase over the first half of 1947 was about 60 p.c., the total for that period having been 266.

During the first six months there were six failures in the Maritime Provinces compared with six last year. In Quebec and Ontario, the number rose from 212 to 323 in the former and from 32 to 67 in the latter. Twelve failures were shown in the Prairie Provinces, compared with six the preceding year, and an increase from 10 to 17 occurred in the Pacific Province.

In trade failures totalled 154, compared with 74 in the same period of last year. Failing manufacturing establishments increased from 77 to 92. Nine failures were reported in the primary industries where nine failures also occurred in the first half of the preceding year. Thirty-seven failures were reported in construction and 16 in transportation.

TABLE 1. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES, 1922 - 1948

Year	Number of Failures			Defaulted Liabilities		
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	First Half	First Quarter	Second Quarter	First Half
1922.....	1,054	842	1,896	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1923.....	1,110	886	1,996	19,674,767	15,605,418	35,280,185
1924.....	774	506	1,280	14,333,053	14,756,817	29,089,870
1925.....	630	467	1,097	8,528,251	8,786,430	17,314,681
1926.....	464	400	864	7,564,017	7,258,777	14,822,794
1927.....	498	393	891	6,789,891	6,953,610	13,743,501
1928.....	549	411	960	7,382,987	6,702,098	14,085,085
1929.....	646	507	1,153	12,786,460	7,774,671	20,561,131
1930.....	667	538	1,205	17,091,691	10,031,651	27,123,342
1931.....	606	503	1,109	11,944,578	10,768,078	22,712,656
1932.....	667	573	1,240	11,110,423	10,113,027	21,223,450
1933.....	622	517	1,139	11,377,803	7,977,992	19,355,795
1934.....	433	388	821	6,105,814	6,911,830	13,017,644
1935.....	361	317	678	3,658,986	4,859,282	8,518,268
1936.....	338	291	629	4,483,439	4,028,276	8,511,715
1937.....	259	279	538	3,136,865	3,589,816	6,726,681
1938.....	318	289	607	3,356,821	3,460,052	6,816,873
1939.....	371	346	717	3,592,118	4,189,660	7,781,778
1940.....	331	320	651	3,535,992	3,023,065	6,559,057
1941.....	294	261	555	2,456,718	2,739,771	5,196,489
1942.....	227	172	399	2,035,864	1,206,693	3,242,557
1943.....	130	108	238	2,288,519	1,120,301	3,408,820
1944.....	94	61	155	1,185,693	756,584	1,942,277
1945.....	83	64	147	1,392,780	396,879	1,789,659
1946.....	54	59	113	1,467,014	1,043,949	2,510,963
1947.....	120	146	266	1,431,807	3,101,753	4,533,560
1948.....	203	222	425	3,405,855	3,716,852	7,122,707

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1948, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, 1947.

	P.E.I. AND N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Second Quarter	
									1948	1947
TRADE										
General Stores			8						8	4
Grocery			9						9	2
Confectionery.....			4						4	3
Drink and Tobacco			2						2	3
Fish and Meat			4				1		5	5
Boots and Shoes			-	1					1	1
Dry Goods			5				1		6	1
Clothing			2	2					4	2
Furniture			2	1				1	4	-
Books and Stationery .			1						1	1
Automobile			3	2			1		6	1
Hardware			3	1					4	-
Electric Apparatus ...			1	1					2	-
Jewelry			2	1				1	4	2
Coal and Wood	1		5	1			1		8	-
Drugs and Chemicals ..			1	1					2	-
Miscellaneous			17						17	12
Total Trade	1	-	69	11	-	-	4	2	87	37
MANUFACTURES										
Vegetable Foods			2						2	2
Drink and Tobacco			-						-	1
Animal Foods			-						-	-
Fur and Leather			5						5	4
Pulp and Paper			-						-	-
Textiles			-	1			1		2	-
Clothing			1	1					2	1
Lumber and Manufactures ..			12	2					14	15
Iron and Steel			7	4					11	5
Non-ferrous Metals ...			2	-					2	3
Non-metallic Minerals .			2	-					2	1
Drugs and Chemicals ..			1	2					3	3
Miscellaneous			8	1	1				10	8
Total Manufactures			40	11	1	-	1	-	53	43
SERVICE										
Garage			7	-				1	8	3
Other Custom and Repair	1		6	2					9	3
Personal Service.....			7	1				1	9	5
Restaurants			2	-					2	2
Professional Service .			3	-					3	9
Recreational Service .			-	-					-	-
Business Service			2	1					3	2
Total Service	1		27	4				2	34	24

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1948, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, 1947 - Cont'd.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Second Quarter	
									1948	1947
OTHER										
Agriculture			1	4					5	1
Mining								1	1	-
Logging, Fishing and Trapping						1		1	2	3
Construction			10	4	1	1		2	18	19
Transportation and Public Utilities			6						6	4
Finance										5
Total Other	-	-	17	8	1	2	-	4	32	32
Not Classified	-	-	13	2	-	-	-	1	16	10
GRAND TOTAL	2	-	166	36	2	2	5	9	222	146

Table 3. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1948, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1947 and 1946

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	2	1,176	79,748
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	166	1,492,943	2,237,473
Ontario	36	653,745	946,114
Manitoba	2	40,688	36,813
Saskatchewan	2	-	-
Alberta	5	176,197	168,679
British Columbia	9	205,934	248,025
Cumulative Total for Second Quarter-			
1948.....	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1947.....	146	1,889,252	3,101,753
1946.....	59	865,883	1,043,949

Table 4. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1948.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	TOTAL
January	-	-	-	53	8	1	-	1	2	65
February	1	-	1	48	12	-	-	-	1	63
March	-	1	1	56	11	1	-	-	5	75
April	-	1	-	60	12	1	-	2	2	78
May	-	1	-	54	13	-	-	2	4	74
June	-	-	-	52	11	1	2	1	3	70
Six Months' Total, 1948 ..	1	3	2	323	67	4	2	6	17	425
Six Months' Total, 1947 ..	1	3	2	212	32	3	1	2	10	266
Six Months' Total, 1946 ..	-	1	-	96	10	-	-	3	3	113

Table 5. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Min- Trapping ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	TOTAL	
January	23	12	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February	22	13	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	22	14	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
April	26	19	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	6	78
May	28	16	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	7	74
June	33	18	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	3	70
Six Months'											
Total, 1948 ..	154	92	5	2	2	37	16	-	76	41	425
Six Months'											
Total, 1947 ..	74	77	2	7	-	32	10	5	41	18	266
Six Months'											
Total, 1946 ..	31	30	-	1	2	9	6	4	25	5	113

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CANADIAN FAILURES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP
ACTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1948

Concerns failing in the third quarter of 1948 rose to 181, a larger number than in the same period of any year since 1941. The number of failures showed an increase of about 33 p.c. over the same period of 1947, when the number was 136, and may be compared with 64 and 55 for the years 1946 and 1945, respectively. Despite the sharp increase over the third quarter of 1947, failures were considerably lower than in the same period of pre-war years comparing with 343 for the third quarter of 1939.

Estimated current liabilities for the third quarter of the year were 4,140,000 compared with \$2,597,000 in the same period of 1947, a considerable increase being noted in this comparison.

The First Nine Months of 1948

Failures rose appreciably in the first nine months of 1948, the number 606, being greater than in the same period of any year since 1941. The increase over the first nine months of 1947 was about 51 p.c., the total for that period having been 402. The estimated liabilities for the nine months totalled \$11,262,000 compared with \$7,130,000 for 1947. This is the highest total for the nine months since the pre-war year, 1939, when liabilities were \$11,571,000.

Commercial Failures by Areas

During the first nine months, there were 15 failures in the Maritimes compared with 13 last year. In Quebec, the number of failures at 463 showed a considerable increase when compared with 310 reported for 1947.

In Ontario, an advance was recorded, the number increasing from 51 in 1947 to 84 in 1948. Fifteen failures were shown in the Prairie Provinces, compared with 9 in the same period of 1947, while in the Pacific Province failures also showed a sizable increase, rising from 19 in 1947 to 29 in 1948.

Failures by Branches of Business

In trade, failures totalled 207 during the nine months compared with 111 in the same period of last year. Failing manufacturing establishments increased from 118 to 142. Eleven failures were reported in the primary industries, where 9 failures occurred in the first nine months of the previous year, while services increased from 66 to 111.

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1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,740	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405				

Table 3. Number of Commercial Failures by Provinces
1923 - 1947

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924	3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925	4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926	4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927	4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928	4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929	1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930	3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931	7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932	9	52	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933	10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934	8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935	4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936	6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937	-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938	4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939	3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940	3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941	4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942	2	9	0	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943	-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944	-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945	1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946	1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545

Table 4. Defaulted Liabilities by Provinces
1923 - 1947
\$ 000

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,747
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954
1934	33	453	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,077

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE THIRD QUARTER 1948, WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Irri- ries	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter		Total for first three quarters		
						1948	1947	1948	1947	1946
TRADE										
General Stores		7				7	9	27	20	5
Grocery		5	1			6	3	25	11	-
Confectionery		2				2	1	10	4	1
Drink and Tobacco		-				-	-	2	5	-
Fish and Meat		4				4	-	14	9	-
Boots and Shoes		2	1			3	-	6	2	-
Dry Goods		3				3	-	9	1	3
Clothing		2		1	1	4	5	14	9	2
Furniture		1	2			3	2	10	3	-
Books and Stationery .		-				-	-	2	1	-
Automobile	1	1				2	-	8	1	3
Hardware		4			1	5	-	10	-	-
Electric Apparatus ...		-				-	-	5	1	1
Jewelry		2				2	-	9	2	3
Coal and Wood		2				2	1	12	1	4
Drugs and Chemicals ..		1				1	3	5	4	1
Miscellaneous	1	8				9	13	39	37	22
Total Trade	2	44	4	1	2	53	37	207	111	45
MANUFACTURES										
Vegetable Foods	1	4	1		1	7	6	13	12	5
Drink and Tobacco		-				-	-	1	1	-
Animal Foods		-				-	3	2	3	1
Fur and Leather		9	2			11	3	23	13	5
Pulp and Paper		2	-			2	-	3	1	-
Textiles		2				2	-	4	1	-
Clothing		3				3	2	9	5	2
Lumber and Manufactures		10	1			11	9	32	30	9
Iron and Steel		2	-		2	4	5	23	13	10
Non-ferrous Metals ...		1	1			2	2	5	7	2
Non-metallic Minerals.		-				-	-	2	1	1
Drugs and Chemicals ..		-				-	1	3	7	-
Miscellaneous		7			1	8	10	22	24	5
Total Manufactures	1	40	5		4	50	41	142	118	40
SERVICE										
Garage		6	1		1	8	3	23	9	2
Other custom and repair		7		1		8	5	20	12	6
Personal Service		6	1		1	8	11	29	20	17
Restaurants	1	5				6	-	18	5	7
Professional Service .		3	2			5	4	12	16	6
Recreational Service .							-	3	-	1
Business Service							2	6	4	5
Total Service	1	27	4	1	2	35	25	111	66	44

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1948, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Maritime		Que. Ont.		Prairies		B.C.		Total for Third quarter 1948		Total for first three quarters 1948		1947	1946
OTHER														
Agriculture	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	2	-			
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2			
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	7	3			
Construction	3	11	1	1	2	18	12	56	44	18				
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	8	-	-	-	8	5	24	15	10				
Finance	-	3	-	-	1	4	-	4	5	5				
Total Other	3	24	1	1	4	33	17	95	73	38				
Not Classified	2	5	3	-	-	10	16	51	34	10				
GRAND TOTAL	9	140	17	3	12	181	136	606	402	177				

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1947 and 1948

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	Total
1947											
January	9	10	-	2	-	3	2	-	5	2	33
February	12	12	-	2	-	5	2	-	5	3	41
March	16	12	1	-	-	5	2	-	7	3	46
April	14	17	1	1	-	5	1	1	11	3	54
May	14	13	-	2	-	8	1	2	4	3	47
June	9	13	-	-	-	6	2	2	9	4	45
July	13	14	-	-	-	5	1	-	8	4	45
August	14	9	-	-	-	2	1	-	6	5	37
September	10	18	-	-	-	5	3	-	11	7	54
October	18	11	3	-	-	5	1	-	8	7	53
November	14	12	-	-	-	2	2	-	6	6	42
December	10	11	1	-	-	6	2	-	12	6	48
1948											
January	23	12	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February	22	13	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	22	14	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
April	26	19	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	6	78
May	28	16	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	7	74
June	33	18	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	3	70
July	18	14	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	2	46
August	15	18	-	-	-	6	3	2	11	4	59
September	20	18	1	-	-	8	4	2	19	4	76

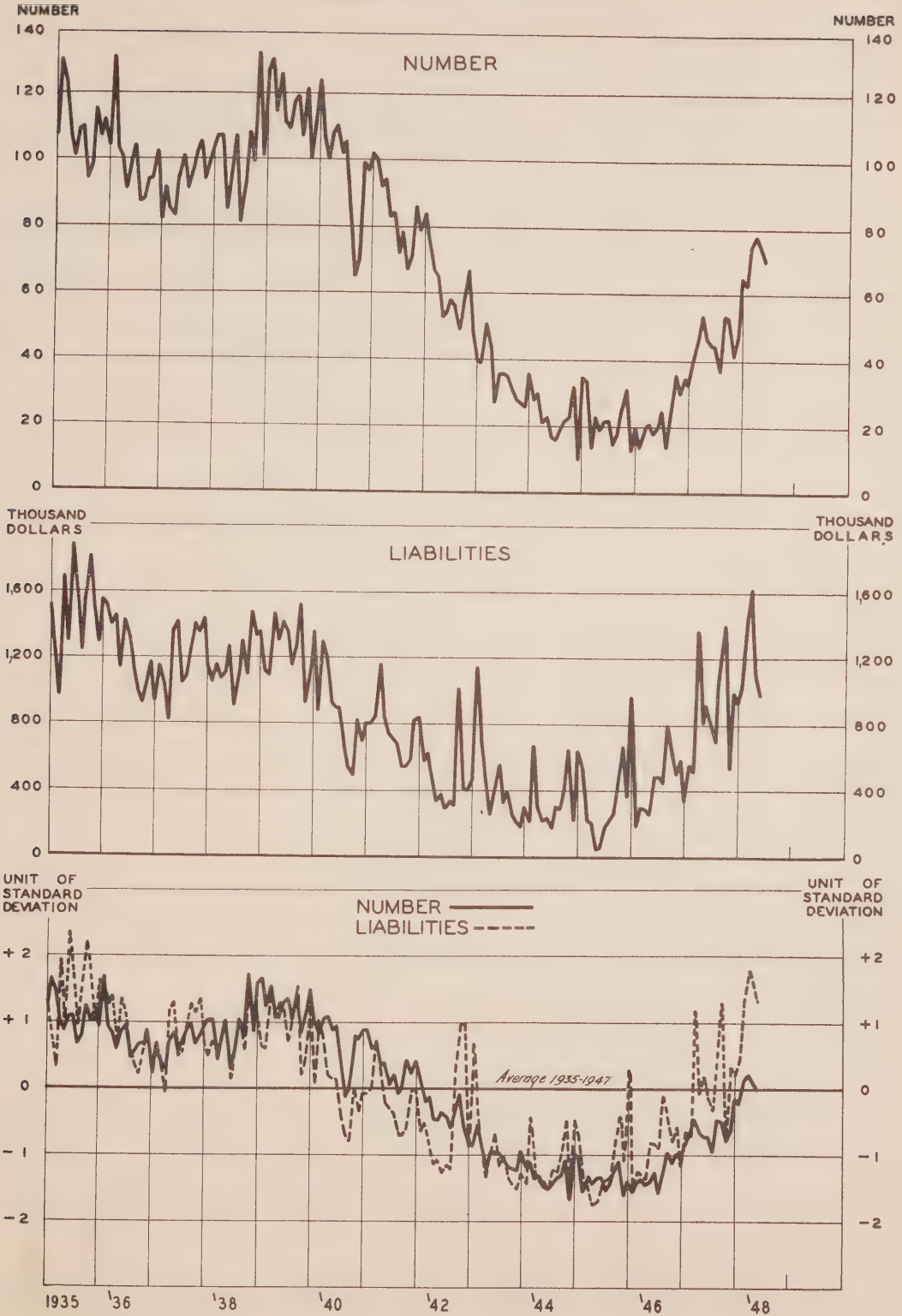
TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1948

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	-	53	8	1	-	1	2	65
February	1	-	1	48	12	-	-	-	1	63
March	-	1	1	56	11	1	-	-	5	75
April	-	1	-	60	12	1	-	2	2	78
May	-	1	-	54	13	-	-	2	4	74
June	-	-	-	52	11	1	2	1	3	70
July	-	-	1	38	3	-	-	-	4	46
August	-	2	3	48	2	1	-	2	1	59
September	-	1	2	54	12	-	-	-	7	76
Nine Months' Total, 1948..	1	6	8	463	84	5	2	8	29	606
Nine Months' Total, 1947..	1	5	7	310	51	3	1	5	19	402
Nine Months' Total, 1946..	-	2	1	151	12	1	-	3	7	177

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1948, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assest	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	3	9,381	23,030
New Brunswick	6	50,095	111,247
Quebec	140	1,790,874	2,919,370
Ontario	17	319,162	416,633
Manitoba	1	1,870	10,784
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	2	19,425	39,768
British Columbia	12	391,595	618,798
Comparative Total for the Third Quarter-			
1948	181	2,582,402	4,139,630
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1946	64	1,318,510	1,752,605
1945	55	341,842	693,059
The first nine months-			
1948	606	6,599,404	11,262,337
1947	402	4,542,591	7,130,301
1946	177	2,999,449	4,263,568
1945	202	1,171,951	2,482,718

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Commercial Failures by Areas.

In the Maritimes, 23 failures occurred last year compared with 15 in 1947. The number in Quebec rose from 422 to 613 but the relative increase of 45 per cent was smaller than in any of the other areas. Ontario showed an increase of 61 per cent over 1947 compared with 67 per cent in the Prairie Provinces. British Columbia, where the number rose from 24 to 41, recorded the greatest percentage increase, being 71 per cent higher than in 1947.

Branches of Business.

Trade accounted for the greatest number of failures increasing from 153 in 1947 to 289, a gain of 89 per cent. Failures in manufacturing concerns numbered 188, an increase of 24 per cent over the preceding year. There were 144 failures in services of all classes, showing a 57 per cent increase.

Three failures occurred in mining and construction firms showed a 35 per cent increase over 1947. Failures in transportation and public utilities numbered 30 compared with 20 in the preceding year.

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1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724

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1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
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Table 4. Defaulted Liabilities by Provinces
1923 - 1948
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1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,747
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1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,077
1948	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FOURTH QUARTER 1948, WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Fourth Quarter		Total for the year		
						1948	1947	1948	1947	1946
<u>TRADE</u>										
General Stores	2	5	1	1	1	10	6	37	26	10
Grocery	-	6	2	-	-	8	5	33	16	4
Confectionery	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	12	8	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	5	5	-
Fish and Meat	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	17	11	-
Boots and Shoes	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	8	2	-
Dry Goods	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	11	3	3
Clothing	-	7	1	-	1	9	1	23	10	3
Furniture	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	11	5	2
Books and Stationery ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	-
Automobile	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	9	1	3
Hardware	1	2	-	1	-	4	1	14	1	-
Electric Apparatus	-	5	1	1	-	7	-	12	1	1
Jewelry	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	11	2	6
Coal and Wood	-	5	2	-	-	7	3	19	4	9
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	6	4	1
Miscellaneous	-	14	4	1	-	19	15	58	52	33
Total Trade	3	61	11	4	3	82	42	289	153	77
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>										
Vegetable Foods	1	5	1	-	-	7	3	20	15	5
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Animal Foods	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	5	3	1
Fur and Leather	-	6	1	-	-	7	5	30	18	6
Pulp and Paper	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	1
Textiles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-
Clothing	-	4	1	-	-	5	4	14	9	2
Lumber and Manufactures.	-	6	-	-	2	8	12	40	42	12
Iron and Steel	-	1	1	-	2	4	3	27	16	11
Non-ferrous Metals	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	5
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	2
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	5	8	2
Miscellaneous	-	6	1	-	-	7	5	29	29	10
Total Manufactures	2	34	5	-	5	46	34	188	152	57
<u>SERVICE</u>										
Garage	1	8	1	-	-	10	3	33	12	2
Other custom and repair.	-	5	3	-	-	8	5	28	17	9
Personal Service	-	6	1	-	-	7	10	36	30	24
Restaurants	-	5	-	-	1	6	4	24	9	13
Professional Service ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	18	8
Recreational Service ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	4	2	2
Business Service	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	7	4	6
Total Service	1	26	5	-	1	33	26	144	92	64

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER 1948, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Fourth quarter 1948	Total for quarter the year 1947	Total for 1948	1947	1946
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	9	6	2
Mining	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	3
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	7	4
Construction	-	14	6	-	1	21	13	77	57	32
Transportation and Public Utilities	2	3	1	-	-	6	5	30	20	14
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	7
Total Other	2	20	8	1	1	32	22	127	95	62
Not Classified	-	9	3	-	2	14	19	65	53	18
GRAND TOTAL	8	150	32	5	12	207	143	813	545	278

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1947 and 1948

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1947</u>											
January	9	10	-	2	-	3	2	-	5	2	33
February	12	12	-	2	-	5	2	-	5	3	41
March	16	12	1	-	-	5	2	-	7	3	46
April	14	17	1	1	-	5	1	1	11	3	54
May	14	13	-	2	-	8	1	2	4	3	47
June	9	13	-	-	-	6	2	2	9	4	45
July	13	14	-	-	-	5	1	-	8	4	45
August	14	9	-	-	-	2	1	-	6	5	37
September	10	18	-	-	-	5	3	-	11	7	54
October	18	11	3	-	-	5	1	-	8	7	53
November	14	12	-	-	-	2	2	-	6	6	42
December	10	11	1	-	-	6	2	-	12	6	48
<u>1948</u>											
January	23	12	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February	22	13	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	22	14	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
April	26	19	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	6	78
May	28	16	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	7	74
June	33	18	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	3	70
July	18	14	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	2	46
August	15	18	-	-	-	6	3	2	11	4	59
September	20	18	1	-	-	8	4	2	19	4	76
October	27	15	-	-	-	9	1	-	11	2	65
November	26	17	2	1	-	4	4	-	12	8	74
December	29	14	1	-	1	8	1	-	10	4	68

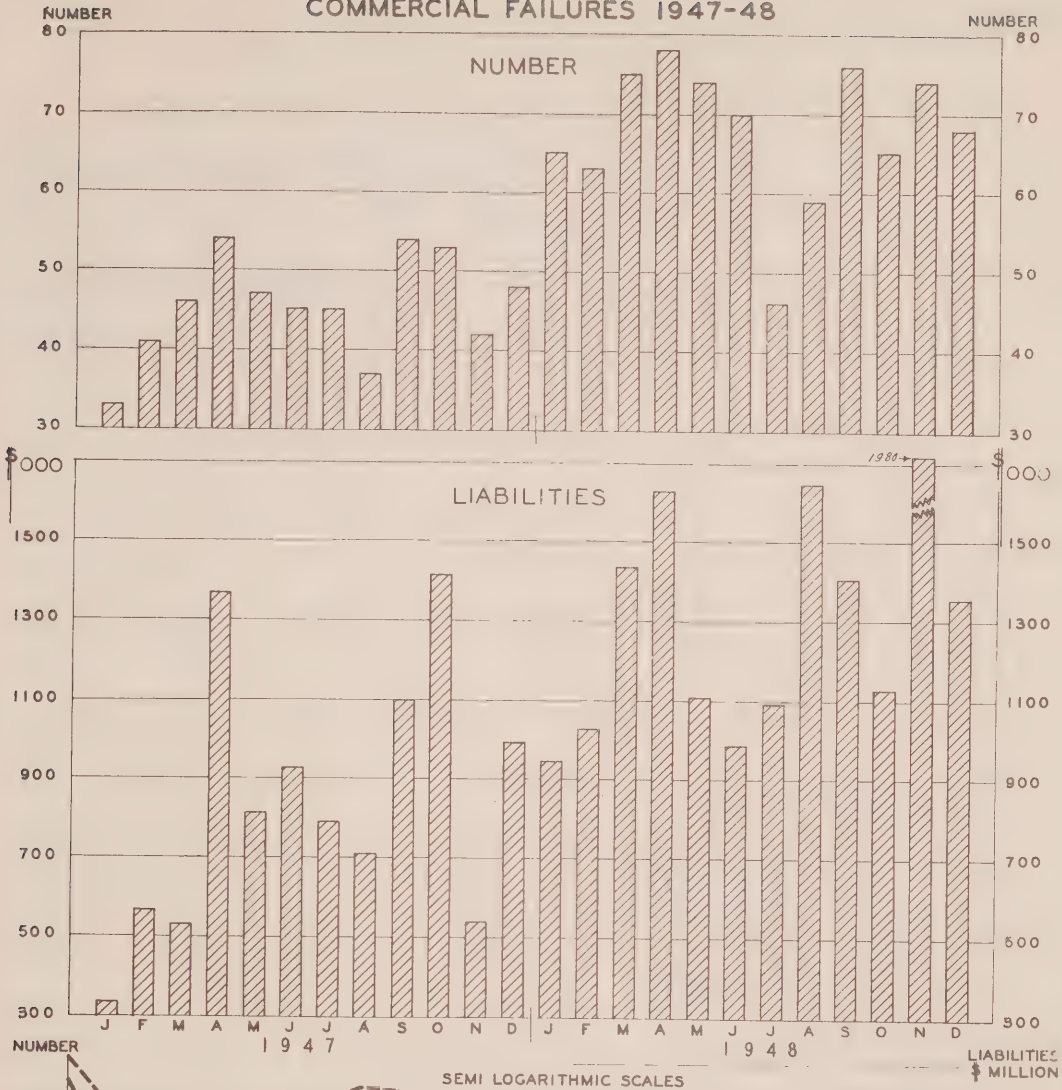
TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1948

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	-	53	8	1	-	1	2	65
February	1	-	1	48	12	-	-	-	1	63
March	-	1	1	56	11	1	-	-	5	75
April	-	1	-	60	12	1	-	2	2	78
May	-	1	-	54	13	-	-	2	4	74
June	-	-	-	52	11	1	2	1	3	70
July	-	-	1	38	3	-	-	-	4	46
August	-	2	3	48	2	1	-	2	1	59
September	-	1	2	54	12	-	-	-	7	76
October	-	-	1	54	4	-	2	-	4	65
November	-	1	2	54	11	1	-	-	5	74
December	-	2	2	42	17	2	-	-	3	68
Total, 1948	1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
Total, 1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
Total, 1946	1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 1948, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	3	14,054	18,737
New Brunswick	5	58,568	78,138
Quebec	150	1,944,672	3,139,141
Ontario	32	433,374	729,832
Manitoba	3	57,739	95,958
Saskatchewan	2	19,004	21,009
Alberta	-	-	-
British Columbia	12	728,974	378,463
Comparative Total for the Fourth Quarter -			
1948	207	3,256,385	4,461,278
1947	143	1,390,620	2,947,256
1946	101	1,039,890	1,702,585
1945	70	692,408	1,512,391
The Year -			
1948	813	9,855,789	15,723,615
1947	545	5,933,211	10,077,557
1946	278	4,039,339	5,966,153
1945	272	1,864,359	3,995,109

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UP ACTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1949

Commercial failures in Canada during the first quarter extended the trend of the last ~~three~~ years. Following the low levels, characteristic of the war period, the number of failing concerns has risen steadily since the early months of 1946. Many of the smaller firms which commenced operations after the war were not in a sufficiently strong financial position to meet the difficulties of establishing themselves on a permanent footing.

The level in January was higher than in any other month since February 1941. The important increase over any month in the last ~~seven~~ years suggests the recurrence of the inter-war seasonal pattern. The first month of the year, when ~~business~~ operating results are closely appraised, is normally the period of the greatest number of failures.

Failures numbered 270 in the first quarter, having been greater than in the same period of any year since 1941. The total during the first three months of that year was 294. Referring to first quarters, the decline was continuous year by year until 1946 when the low point of 54 was reached. The situation has worsened during the last three years, the trend showing a marked upward movement.

The liabilities of defaulting firms were greater in the first quarter than in the same period of any year since 1936, when Canada was recovering from a severe depression. The total was \$4,196,000 compared with \$4,483,000 in the first quarter of the year quoted for comparison. The lowest level of the thirteen-year period was reached in 1944, the last full wartime year. The standing in the first quarter of that year was \$1,186,000.

Failures were greater in each of the four main economic groups of the classification. Trading concerns failing in the first quarter numbered 93 against 67 in the same period of 1948. The increase in manufactures was from 39 to 57 while service firms of different descriptions were 21 p.c. greater at 51. The miscellaneous group including construction and transport showed failures of 48 against 30 in the same period of last year.

The majority of the failures **occurred** in Quebec, the increase over the first three months of 1948 having been about 30 per cent. The gain in Ontario was comparatively slight, but the average liability per **defaulting** firm was relatively greater than in the first quarter of last year.

Comparison with Unemployment

The fluctuation in commercial failures may be compared with the changes in unemployment, both factors being inverse to the majority of movements indicating the alternation of prosperity and depression. The unplaced applicants recorded by employment offices rose in the first quarter to a higher position than for some time. Unfilled vacancies receded to a low point in the first two months of the year followed by a slight gain in March. During the first quarter, the number of failures and of unplaced applicants indicated a minor change in the level of prosperity in evidence from the beginning of the last world war. The results from the first month of 1948 are shown in the chart appearing on page 9.

United States Failures

The fluctuations in the number of commercial failures in Canada resembled during recent years, the movement in the United States. The direction of change from year to year from 1935 to the present has been identical. Increases were limited to 1938 and 1939 and to the last three years, while declines were general in both countries in the other eight years of the period. Fluctuations tended to be relatively greater in the United States than in Canada. The correlation between the two series as computed by the usual method, is excellent.

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	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for First Quarter		
						1949	1948	1947
TRADE								
General Stores	1	10	2	-	-	13	12	7
Grocery	1	7	-	-	1	9	10	6
Confectionery	-	6	-	-	-	6	4	-
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Fish and Meat	-	5	-	-	-	5	5	4
Boots and Shoes	-	4	-	-	-	4	2	1
Dry Goods	-	8	1	-	-	9	-	-
Clothing	-	7	1	-	1	9	6	2
Furniture	-	-	2	1	-	3	3	1
Books and Stationery	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Automobile	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
Hardware	-	2	-	1	-	3	1	-
Electric Apparatus	-	3	4	-	-	7	3	1
Jewelry	-	5	-	1	-	6	3	-
Coal and Wood	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Miscellaneous	-	8	3	-	2	13	13	12
Total Trade	2	70	14	3	4	93	67	37
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	1	2	3	-	-	6	4	4
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Animal Foods	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-
Fur and Leather	-	10	-	-	-	10	7	6
Pulp and Paper	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	1
Textiles	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1
Clothing	-	5	-	-	-	5	4	2
Lumber and Manufactures ...	-	12	2	-	2	16	7	6
Iron and Steel	-	1	-	-	-	1	8	3
Non-ferrous Metals	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
Non-metallic Minerals	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Drugs and Chemicals	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	3
Miscellaneous	-	6	1	-	-	7	4	6
Total Manufactures	2	46	6	1	2	57	39	34
SERVICE								
Garage	-	12	2	-	-	14	7	3
Other custom and repair ...	2	6	1	-	-	9	3	4
Personal Service	-	6	1	-	-	7	12	4
Restaurants	-	8	-	-	-	8	10	3
Professional Service	-	6	1	-	-	7	4	3
Recreational Service	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-
Business Service	-	2	2	-	1	5	3	-
Total Service	2	41	7	-	1	51	42	17

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FIRST QUARTER 1949, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B. C.	Total for First Quarter		
						1949	1948	1947
OTHER								
Agriculture	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1
Mining	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Logging, Fish & Trapping.	-	2	-	-	2	4	-	4
Construction	-	16	2	1	2	21	19	13
Transportation and Public Utilities	1	12	1	1	1	16	10	6
Finance	-	2	-	1	1	4	-	-
Total Other	2	34	3	3	6	48	30	24
Not Classified	1	13	3	1	3	21	25	8
GRAND TOTAL	9	204	33	8	16	270	203	120

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948 and 1949

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- ice	Not Class- ified	Tota
1948											
January	23	12	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February	22	13	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	22	14	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
April	26	19	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	6	78
May	28	16	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	7	74
June	33	18	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	3	70
July	18	14	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	2	46
August	15	18	-	-	-	6	3	2	11	4	59
September	20	18	1	-	-	8	4	2	19	4	76
October	27	15	-	-	-	9	1	-	11	2	65
November	26	17	2	1	-	4	4	-	12	8	74
December	29	14	1	-	1	8	1	-	10	4	68
1949											
January	30	21	-	-	-	8	6	2	20	10	97
February	35	20	-	2	1	6	4	2	17	6	93
March	28	16	2	2	-	7	6	-	14	5	80

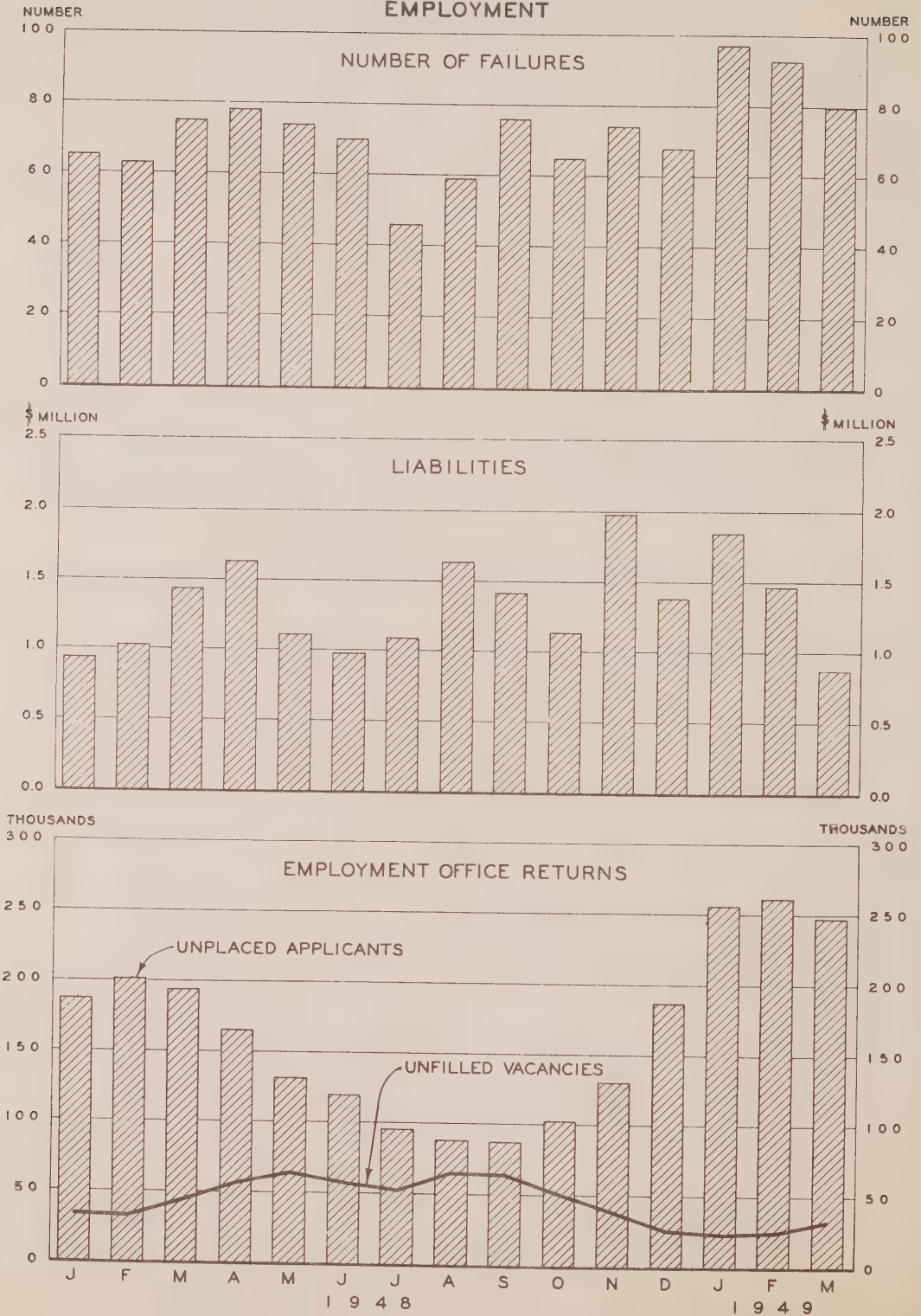
TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1949

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	5	69	12	1	-	3	7	97
February	-	1	-	72	14	1	-	-	5	93
March	1	1	1	63	7	-	1	2	4	80
First Quarter, 1949 ..	1	2	6	204	33	2	1	5	16	270
First Quarter, 1948 ..	1	1	2	157	31	2	-	1	8	203
First Quarter, 1947 ..	1	1	1	98	15	-	-	-	4	120

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1	-	-
Nova Scotia	2	3,277	1,601
New Brunswick	6	28,719	43,947
Quebec	204	1,484,070	2,239,387
Ontario	7	833,098	1,121,952
Manitoba	2	58,607	85,783
Saskatchewan	1	-	-
Alberta	5	67,759	100,432
British Columbia	16	183,976	602,553
Comparative Total for the First Quarter -			
1949	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947	120	954,602	1,431,807
1946	54	815,056	1,467,014

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UP ACTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1949

Commercial failures in the second quarter of 1949 rose to 230, a larger number than in the same period of any year since 1941. Although reaching an eight-year high for the second quarter, failures were considerably lower than in the similar period of pre-war years, comparing with 346 in the total for April, May and June, 1939. Concerns failing showed an increase of 3.6 per cent over the second quarter of 1948 when the number was 222 and may be compared with 146 and 59 for the years 1947 and 1946, respectively.

Compared with 270 for the first quarter of this year, a decline of 17.4 per cent is noted. This drop suggests the recurrence of the pre-war seasonal pattern when the first months of the year normally led all others in failures, following a close appraisal of business operating results for the preceding year.

The liabilities of defaulting firms in the second quarter amounted to \$4,530,000, greater than in the same period of any year since 1935, and a sharp rise from the second quarter of 1948 when they totalled \$3,717,000.

The First Six Months of 1949.

Failures in the first half of this year were the highest for the period since 1941. The total was 500 compared with 555 in the first six months of the year quoted for reference and with 717 in the same period of 1939. The decline in failures since 1941 was continuous year by year until 1946 when the low point of 113 was reached after which the trend showed a marked upward movement.

Keener competition is now forcing out of business many concerns which entered the field during the period of post-war prosperity with limited financial reserves.

The estimated liabilities in this period amounted to \$8,725,000 a gain of 22.5 per cent over 1948 and the highest for the first six months of any year since 1934 when the economy was just starting to recover from its lowest levels. The average liability per defaulting firm was about four per cent greater than in the same period last year.

Commercial Failures by Areas

During the first six months all areas except Ontario showed increases in failures as compared with the first half of 1948. There were eleven failures in the Maritimes as against six last year. Quebec showed an increase of 57 to record a post-war high of 380, while the number of failures in Ontario declined from 67 to 59 in the same comparison. In the Prairie Provinces 17 firms defaulted compared with 12 in the preceding year and failures in British Columbia nearly doubled when 33 concerns were declared bankrupt in the first half.

Failures by Branches of Business

Nearly all branches of business showed increases in failures in the first six months as compared with the same period last year. Trade and manufactures were up 14 per cent and 21 per cent respectively in number of bankruptcies and the primary industries, taken in total, increased from nine to twelve. Failures in construction totalled 40 compared with 37 last year and transportation was up from 16 to 23. Whereas there were no failures during the first half of last year in finance, there were 10 reported for the first six months of 1949. An increase of 21 per cent was noted in services when bankruptcies totalled 92 as compared with 76 in the same period last year.

Table 1. Number of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1949

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65							

Table 2. Defaulted Liabilities of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1949
\$ 000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,270	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,062	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,484	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817							

Table 3. Number of Commercial Failures by Provinces
1923 - 1948

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924	3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925	4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926	4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927	4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928	4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929	1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930	3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931	7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932	9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933	10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934	8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935	4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936	6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937	-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938	4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939	3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940	3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941	4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942	2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943	-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944	-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945	1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946	1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948	1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813

Table 4. Defaulted Liabilities by Provinces
1923 - 1948

\$ 000

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,747
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954
1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019
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TRADE								
General Stores	-	5	2	1	-	8	8	4
Grocery	-	9	1	-	-	10	9	2
Confectionery	1	4	-	-	-	5	4	3
Drink and Tobacco	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	3
Fish and Meat	-	4	-	-	1	5	5	5
Boots and Shoes	-	2	1	-	2	5	1	1
Dry Goods	-	5	-	-	-	5	6	1
Clothing	-	5	2	-	3	10	4	2
Furniture	-	3	1	-	-	4	4	-
Books and Stationery	-	2	-	-	2	4	1	1
Automobile	-	1	-	-	-	1	6	1
Hardware	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	-
Electric Apparatus	-	5	-	-	-	5	2	-
Jewelry	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	2
Coal and Wood	-	4	-	-	-	4	8	-
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-
Miscellaneous	-	8	1	-	-	9	17	12
Total Trade	1	65	8	1	8	83	87	37
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	6	-	-	-	6	2	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Animal Foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur and Leather	-	7	1	-	-	8	5	4
Pulp and Paper	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	-
Textiles	-	1	-	-	2	3	2	-
Clothing	-	7	1	-	-	8	2	1
Lumber and Manufactures	-	7	3	-	-	10	14	15
Iron and Steel	-	-	1	-	2	3	11	5
Non-ferrous Metals	-	3	-	1	1	5	2	3
Non-metallic Minerals	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	3
Miscellaneous	-	4	1	-	-	5	10	8
Total Manufactures	-	40	7	2	5	54	53	43
SERVICE								
Garage	-	7	1	1	-	9	8	3
Other custom and repair	-	4	-	-	-	4	9	3
Personal Service	-	7	-	-	1	8	9	5
Restaurants	-	7	-	-	2	9	2	2
Professional Service	-	6	-	-	-	6	3	9
Recreational Service	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	-
Business Service	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	2
Total Service	-	35	2	1	3	41	34	24

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1949, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Second Quarter		
						1949	1948	1947
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
Mining	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	3	1	-	-	4	2	3
Construction	-	12	5	2	-	19	18	19
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	5	1	1	-	7	6	4
Finance	-	5	1	-	-	6	-	5
Total Other	-	25	9	3	-	37	32	32
Not Classified	1	11	-	2	1	15	16	10
GRAND TOTAL	2	176	26	9	17	230	222	146

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948 and 1949

	Manu- Trade	fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
1948											
January	23	12	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February	22	13	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	22	14	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
April	26	19	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	6	78
May	28	16	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	7	74
June	33	18	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	3	70
July	18	14	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	2	46
August	15	18	-	-	-	6	3	2	11	4	59
September	20	18	1	-	-	8	4	2	19	4	76
October	27	15	-	-	-	9	1	-	11	2	65
November	26	17	2	1	-	4	4	-	12	8	74
December	29	14	1	-	1	8	1	-	10	4	68
1949											
January	30	21	-	-	-	8	6	2	20	10	97
February	35	20	-	2	1	6	4	2	17	6	93
March	28	16	2	2	-	7	6	-	14	5	80
April	27	22	-	2	-	5	2	3	15	-	76
May	29	17	-	2	1	10	4	1	16	9	89
June	27	15	-	-	-	4	1	2	10	6	65

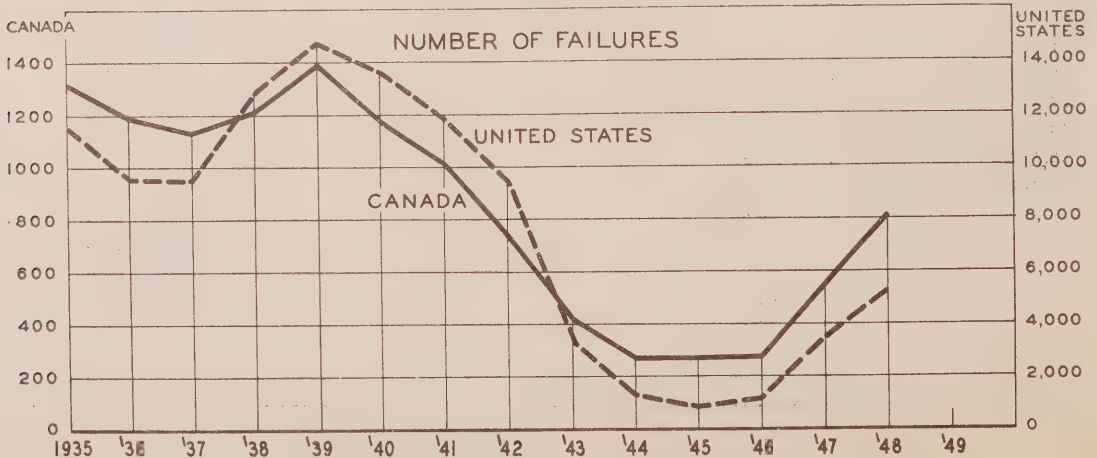
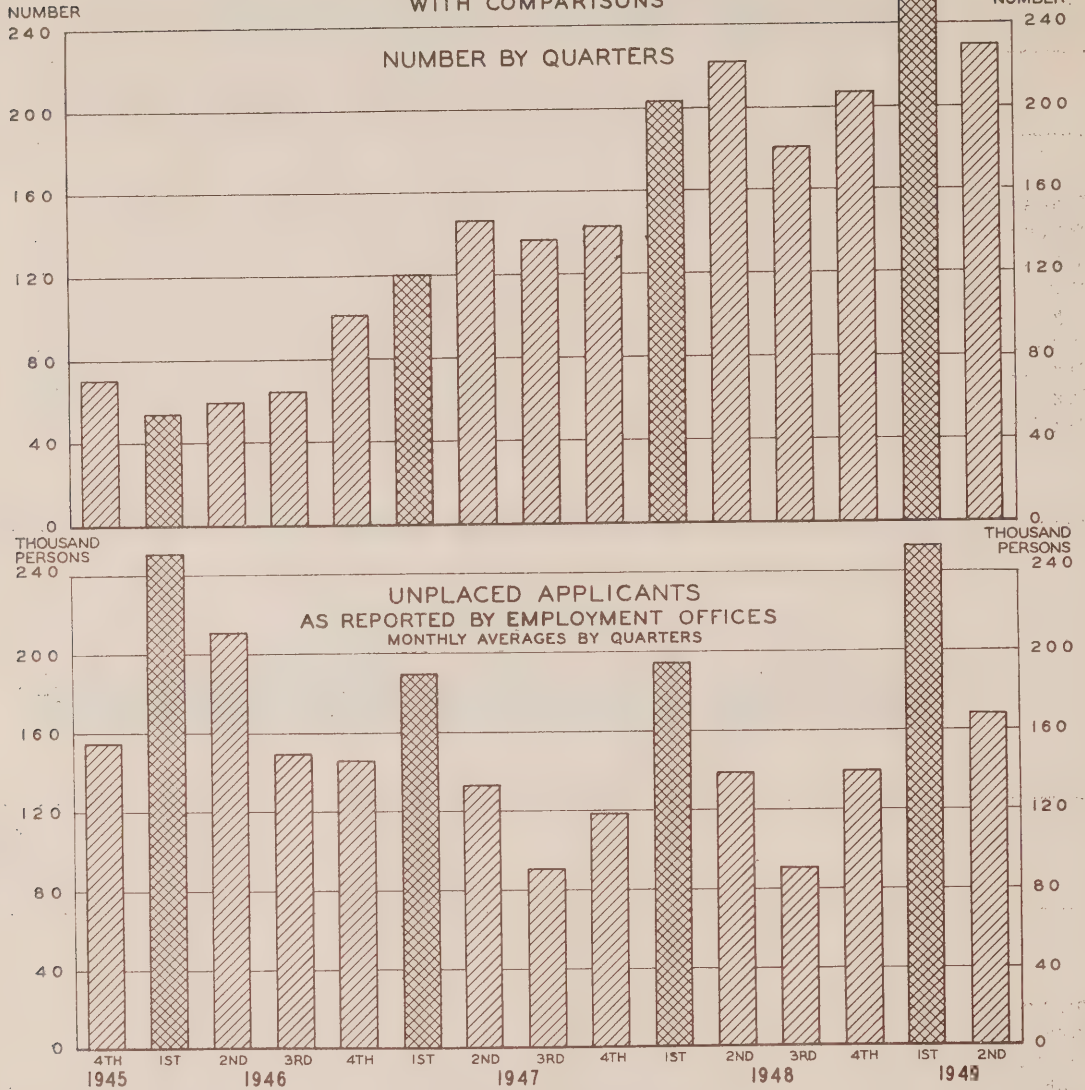
TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1949

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	5	69	12	1	-	3	7	97
February	-	1	-	72	14	1	-	-	5	93
March	1	1	1	63	7	-	1	2	4	80
April	-	-	1	61	7	1	-	-	6	76
May	-	-	-	65	14	3	-	1	6	89
June	1	-	-	50	5	1	1	2	5	65
Six Month's Total, 1949	2	2	7	380	59	7	2	8	33	500
Six Month's Total, 1948	1	3	2	323	67	4	2	6	17	425
Six Month's Total, 1947	1	3	2	212	32	3	1	2	10	266

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	1	-	-
Quebec	176	1,481,066	2,378,717
Ontario	26	1,761,700	1,452,184
Manitoba	5	177,916	338,310
Saskatchewan	1	3,487	9,853
Alberta	3	25,715	60,309
British Columbia	17	211,629	290,467
Comparative Total for the Second Quarter -			
1949	230	3,661,513	4,529,840
1948	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1947	146	1,889,252	3,101,753
1946	59	865,883	1,043,949

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UP ACTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1949

During the third quarter of 1949, failures in Canada numbered 239, higher, for this period, than in any other year since 1940. Following the low levels of the war period, the number of defaulting firms has increased steadily since 1946. The gain over the third quarter last year was about 32 per cent, when 181 concerns were declared bankrupt. Despite this sharp increase, the number of failures was considerably lower than in the same period of pre-war years, comparing with 343 for the third quarter of 1939.

Estimated liabilities of failing concerns for the period under review amounted to \$6,418,000 against \$4,140,000 in the third quarter of 1948, a gain of about 55 per cent.

The first Nine Months of 1949.

Failures rose sharply in the first nine months of 1949, the number, 739, having been greater than in the corresponding period of any year since 1941 when the total was 772. Subsequently, the decline was continuous year by year until 1946 when the low point of 177 was reached. During the last three years, the trend has shown a marked upward movement. It appears that growing competition is forcing out of business many firms which commenced operations during the period of post-war prosperity with limited financial reserves, insufficient experience and ability, or both.

Liabilities during the first nine months totalled \$15,144,000, a gain, over the same period last year, of 34 per cent. This is the highest for the three quarters since 1934 when liabilities amounted to \$17,814,000. At that time, the number of failures, 1,159, was much higher than the 739 reported in 1949. Thus, the average amount of liabilities per failure is considerably greater than pre-war, indicating that, in general, more capital investment is now required to operate a business.

Commercial failures by Areas.

All economic areas except the Maritime Provinces recorded increases in failures during the first nine months of 1949 when compared with the same period last year. The Prairie Provinces and British Columbia showed the sharpest percentage gains. In the former, the number of defaulting firms rose from 15 to 23 and in the latter, from 29 to 44. In Quebec, the number of failures increased from 463 to 571, an advance of more than 23 per cent, while Ontario showed a relatively minor gain, the total having been 89 against 84 in the corresponding period of 1948. There were only 12 failures reported in the Maritime Provinces compared with 15 last year.

Failures by Branches of Business.

Failures were greater in all branches of business during the first nine months. Bankrupt trading concerns numbered 265 against 207 in the same period of 1948. The increase in manufactures was from 142 to 155 while failures of service firms were 26 per cent greater at 140. Fifteen bankruptcies were reported in the primary industries, a gain of four. In construction, the total was 64 against 56 last year and in transportation, it rose from 24 to 30. Failures numbered 16 in finance compared with 4 in the corresponding period last year.

Table 1. Number of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1949

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	45	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91				

Table 2. Defaulted Liabilities of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1949

\$ 000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-)	15,045	-	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,275	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	1,936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	914	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,813	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414				

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Table 3. Number of Commercial Failures by Provinces
1923 - 1948

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924	3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925	4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926	4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927	4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928	4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929	1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930	3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931	7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932	9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933	10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934	8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935	4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936	6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937	-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938	4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939	3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940	3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941	4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942	2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943	-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944	-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945	1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946	1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948	1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813

Table 4. Defaulted Liabilities by Provinces
1923 - 1948

\$ 000

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,747
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954
1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,077
1948	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

	Mani- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter		Total for first three quarters		
						1949	1948	1949	1948	1947
TRADE										
General Stores	1	8	2	-	-	11	7	32	27	20
Grocery	-	10	1	-	-	11	6	30	25	11
Confectionery	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	13	10	4
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
Fish and Meat	-	7	1	-	-	8	4	18	14	9
Boots and Shoes	-	4	-	-	-	4	3	13	6	2
Dry Goods	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	15	9	1
Clothing	-	7	1	-	1	9	4	28	14	9
Furniture	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	8	10	3
Books and Stationery ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	7	2	1
Automobile	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	6	8	1
Hardware	-	1	-	1	-	2	5	7	10	-
Electric Apparatus	-	5	1	1	-	7	-	19	5	1
Jewelry	-	1	1	-	1	3	2	11	9	2
Coal and Wood	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	7	12	1
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	5	4
Miscellaneous	-	17	6	-	1	24	9	46	39	37
Total Trade	1	67	15	2	4	89	53	265	207	111
MANUFACTURES										
Vegetable Foods	-	7	1	1	-	9	7	21	13	12
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Animal Foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3
Fur and Leather	-	5	-	-	-	5	11	23	23	13
Pulp and Paper	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	7	3	1
Textiles	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	6	4	1
Clothing	-	5	-	-	-	5	3	18	9	5
Lumber and Manufactures	-	3	-	-	3	6	11	32	32	30
Iron and Steel	-	5	-	-	1	6	4	10	23	13
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	5	7
Non-metallic Minerals .	-	1	2	-	-	3	-	5	2	1
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	7	3	7
Miscellaneous	-	5	1	-	-	6	8	18	22	24
Total Manufactures	-	34	5	1	4	44	50	155	142	118
SERVICE										
Garage	-	10	1	-	-	11	8	34	23	9
Other custom and repair	-	7	1	-	-	8	8	21	20	12
Personal Service	-	15	1	-	-	16	8	31	29	20
Restaurants	-	8	-	-	-	8	6	25	18	5
Professional Service ..	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	15	12	16
Recreational Service ..	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	3	-
Business Service	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	9	6	4
Total service	-	44	4	-	-	48	35	140	111	66

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1949, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Third quarter 1949	Total for 1948	Total for first three quarters 1949 1948 1947		
OTHER										
Agriculture	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	5	6	2
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Logging, Fish & Trapping.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	3	7
Construction	-	18	4	1	2	25	18	64	56	44
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	5	1	1	-	7	8	30	24	15
Finance	-	3	1	1	1	6	4	16	4	5
Total Other	-	29	6	3	3	41	33	125	95	73
Not Classified	-	17	-	-	-	17	10	54	51	34
GRAND TOTAL	1	191	30	6	11	239	181	739	606	402

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948 and 1949

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Min- Trapping ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
1948										
January	23	12	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	65
February	22	13	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	63
March	22	14	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	75
April	26	19	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	78
May	28	16	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	74
June	33	18	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	70
July	18	14	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	46
August	15	18	-	-	-	6	3	2	11	59
September	20	18	1	-	-	8	4	2	19	76
October	27	15	-	-	-	9	1	-	11	65
November	26	17	2	1	-	4	4	-	12	74
December	29	14	1	-	1	8	1	-	10	68
1949										
January	30	21	-	-	-	8	6	2	20	97
February	35	20	-	2	1	6	4	2	17	93
March	28	16	2	2	-	7	6	-	14	80
April	27	22	-	2	-	5	2	3	15	76
May	29	17	-	2	1	10	4	1	16	89
June	27	15	-	-	-	4	1	2	10	65
July	28	18	2	-	-	6	3	2	8	70
August	29	14	1	-	-	6	1	1	21	78
September	32	12	-	-	-	12	3	3	19	91

TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1949

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	5	69	12	1	-	3	7	97
February	-	1	-	72	14	1	-	-	5	93
March	1	1	1	63	7	-	1	2	4	80
April	-	-	1	61	7	1	-	-	6	76
May	-	-	-	65	14	3	-	1	6	89
June	1	-	-	50	5	1	1	2	5	65
July	-	-	-	59	7	1	-	-	3	70
August	-	-	-	63	11	1	-	1	2	78
September	-	-	1	69	12	2	1	-	6	91
Nine Months' Total, 1949	2	2	8	571	89	11	3	9	44	739
Nine Months' Total, 1948	1	6	8	463	84	5	2	8	29	606
Nine Months' Total, 1947	1	5	7	310	51	3	1	5	19	402

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

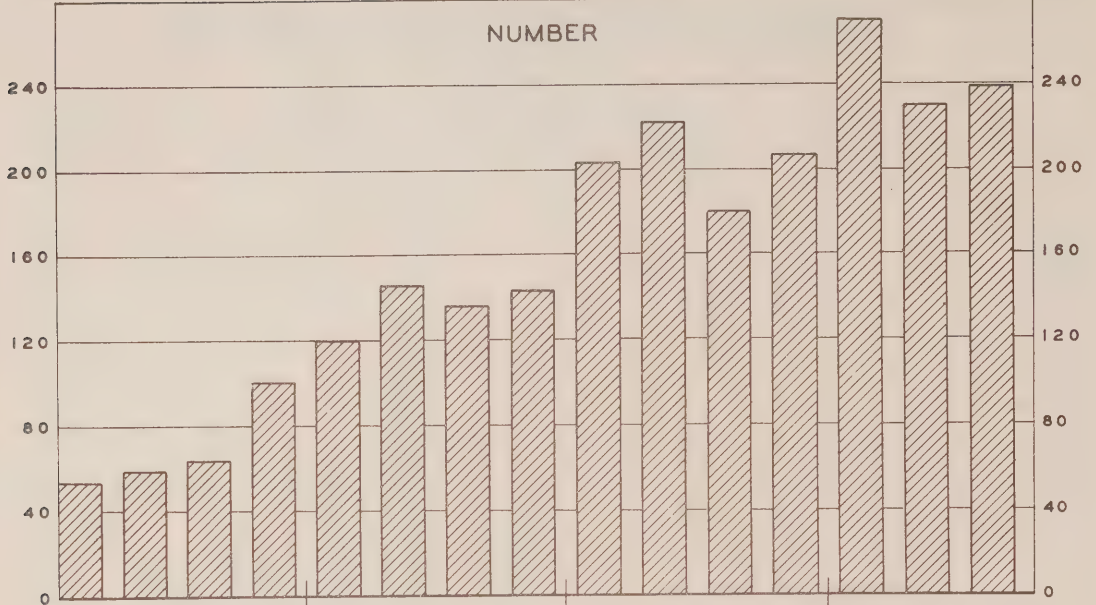
	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	1	7,274	11,624
Quebec	191	2,931,987	3,603,242
Ontario	30	1,554,273	1,787,067
Manitoba	1	11,543	15,529
Saskatchewan	4	174,562	309,285
Alberta	1	9,153	14,975
British Columbia	11	461,751	676,502
Comparative Total for the			
Third Quarter-1949	239	5,150,543	6,416,224
1948	181	2,582,402	4,139,630
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1946	64	1,318,510	1,752,605
The first nine months-			
1949	739	11,471,562	15,143,719
1948	606	6,599,404	11,262,337
1947	402	4,542,591	7,130,301
1946	177	2,999,449	4,263,568

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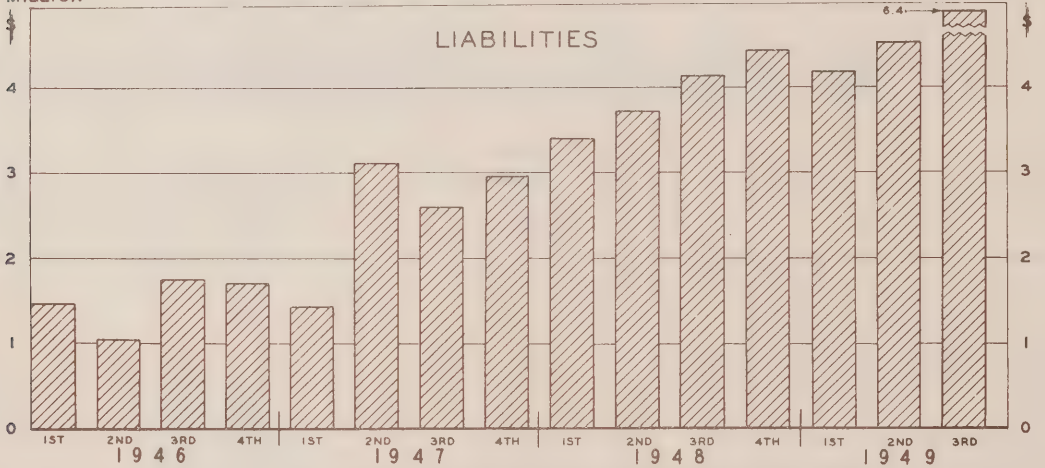
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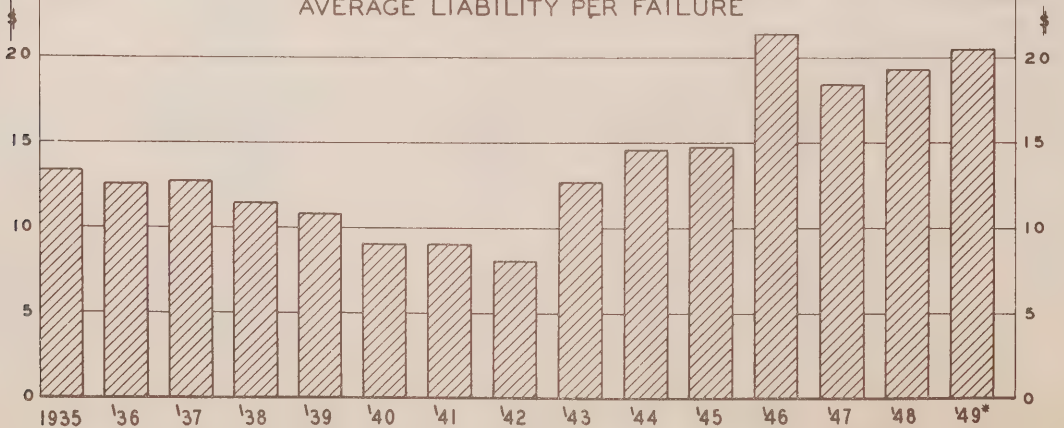
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COMMERCIAL FAILURES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BANKRUPTCY
AND WINDING UP ACTS IN THE YEAR AND THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1949

The number of commercial failures under the provisions of Bankruptcy and Winding Up acts in Canada in 1949 was 1,066. Liabilities amounted to more than \$21 million; assets to almost \$16 million. The greatest number of failures were reported in Trade, followed by Manufactures and Service. Failures in primary industries increased from 16 to 28 during the period. Construction reported 94 failures and transportation 46.

The Charts

In Section A and B of the accompanying chart are shown the annual fluctuations of the number of failures and the amount of liabilities for the period 1923 to 1949. The deviations from the average were expressed in terms of units of standard deviation, and the results plotted to show the fluctuations from the average, or zero line. Section C shows the line of regression between the number of failures and the amount of liabilities for the same period.

Failures of Employees

The number of failures reported by wage-earners during the year was 124 out of the total of 1,066. The greater number of these, 118, occurred in Quebec while 2 were reported in each of the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia and in the Maritime area.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts which the statistics of this report cover. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, The Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics are not available for cases dealt with under these Acts.

Table 1. Number of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1949

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066

Table 2. Defaulted Liabilities of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1949
\$ 000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	1,936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356

Table 3. Number of Commercial Failures by Provinces
1923 - 1949

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924	3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925	4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926	4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927	4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928	4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929	1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930	3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931	7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932	9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933	10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934	8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935	4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936	6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937	-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938	4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939	3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940	3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941	4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942	2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943	-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944	-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945	1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946	1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948	1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
1949	3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066

Table 4. Defaulted Liabilities by Provinces
1923 - 1949
\$ 000

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,747
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954
1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,077
1948	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724
1949	60	29	100	12,842	5,222	549	364	204	1,985	21,356

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

	THE FOURTH QUARTER						THE YEAR							
	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total	
						1949	1948						1949	1948
TRADE														
General Stores	-	12	-	1	-	13	10	2	35	6	2	-	45	37
Grocery	2	14	-	1	-	17	8	3	40	2	1	1	47	33
Confectionery	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	1	15	-	-	-	16	12
Drink and Tobacco ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	3	5
Fish and Meat	-	6	-	-	-	6	3	-	22	1	-	1	24	17
Boots and Shoes	-	6	-	-	-	6	2	-	16	1	-	2	19	8
Dry Goods	-	3	1	-	-	4	2	-	17	2	-	-	19	11
Clothing	-	10	1	1	-	12	9	-	29	5	1	5	40	23
Furniture	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	-	6	4	1	-	11	11
Books and Stationery	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	1	-	3	8	3
Automobile	-	3	-	2	-	5	1	-	7	2	2	-	11	9
Hardware	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	6	-	2	-	8	14
Electric Apparatus ..	-	5	-	-	-	5	7	-	18	5	1	-	24	12
Jewelry	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	9	1	1	1	12	11
Coal and Wood	-	2	-	-	-	2	7	-	9	-	-	-	9	19
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	3	-	-	4	1	-	3	3	-	-	6	6
Miscellaneous	3	18	4	-	1	26	19	3	51	14	-	4	72	58
Total Trade	5	88	10	5	1	109	82	9	290	47	11	17	374	289
MANUFACTURES														
Vegetable Foods	-	9	1	-	-	10	7	1	24	5	1	-	31	20
Drink and Tobacco ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Animal Foods	-	5	-	-	-	5	3	-	7	-	-	-	7	5
Fur and Leather	-	10	1	-	-	11	7	-	32	2	-	-	34	30
Pulp and Paper	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	6	-	2	-	9	4
Textiles	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	1	-	2	8	4
Clothing	-	8	1	1	-	10	5	-	25	2	1	-	28	14
Lumber & Manufactures	1	9	1	-	3	14	8	1	31	6	-	8	46	40
Iron and Steel	-	1	4	-	-	5	4	-	7	5	-	3	15	27
Non-ferrous Metals ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	-	1	1	7	6
Non-metallic Minerals	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	-	5	3	-	-	8	3
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	3	2	-	-	5	2	-	10	2	-	-	12	5
Miscellaneous	-	5	4	-	-	9	7	-	20	7	-	-	27	29
Total Manufactures ..	1	57	15	1	3	77	46	3	177	33	5	14	232	188
SERVICE														
Garage	-	13	-	1	1	15	10	-	42	4	2	1	49	33
Other custom & repair	-	9	1	-	1	11	8	2	26	3	-	1	32	28
Personal Service ...	-	16	1	-	-	17	7	-	44	3	-	1	48	36
Restaurants	-	13	1	-	1	15	6	-	36	1	-	3	40	24
Professional Service	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	1	-	-	17	12
Recreational Service	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	2	-	-	6	4
Business Service ...	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	8	2	-	1	11	7
Total service	-	56	3	1	3	63	33	2	176	16	2	7	203	144

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1949, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	THE FOURTH QUARTER						THE YEAR							
	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total	
						1949	1948						1949	1948
HER														
griculture	-	3	-	-	-	3	3	1	7	1	-	-	8	9
ining	-	1	6	-	1	8	1	-	2	7	-	1	10	3
ogging, Fish & Trapping	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	7	1	-	2	10	4
onstruction	1	20	4	4	1	30	21	1	66	14	8	5	94	77
ransportation and														
Public Utilities ..	-	12	2	-	2	16	6	1	33	5	3	3	46	30
inance	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	13	2	2	2	19	4
tal Other	1	41	12	4	4	62	32	3	128	30	13	13	187	127
t Classified	-	14	2	-	-	16	14	2	56	5	3	4	70	65
AND TOTAL	7	256	42	11	11	327	207	19	827	131	34	55	1,066	813

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948 and 1949

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur and Leather	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
1948									
January	23	3	4	1	12	2	2	3	2
February	22	5	3	3	13	2	3	3	-
March	22	4	3	2	14	3	2	2	2
April	26	3	2	2	19	5	1	3	-
May	28	2	4	1	16	5	2	4	1
June	33	3	3	1	18	4	2	4	1
July	18	3	2	1	14	3	4	1	2
August	15	1	2	2	18	5	3	2	2
September	20	3	2	1	18	3	4	1	3
October	27	4	2	3	15	2	2	1	3
November	26	5	2	4	17	3	3	2	2
December	29	1	4	2	14	3	2	1	2
1949									
January	30	3	3	3	21	6	4	-	2
February	35	6	4	3	20	6	4	-	3
March	28	4	2	3	16	4	2	1	1
April	27	1	4	3	22	3	4	2	2
May	29	3	4	5	17	5	3	1	1
June	27	4	2	2	15	2	1	-	3
July	28	5	3	4	18	3	4	1	3
August	29	2	4	2	14	2	1	2	5
September	32	4	4	3	12	1	-	3	1
October	35	3	5	4	11	-	1	1	2
November	34	5	7	5	33	7	7	2	5
December	40	5	5	3	33	7	3	2	3

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948 and 1949
Concluded

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1948</u>									
January	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
April	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	6	78
May	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	7	74
June	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	3	70
July	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	2	46
August	-	-	-	6	3	2	11	4	59
September	1	-	-	8	4	2	19	4	76
October	-	-	-	9	1	-	11	2	65
November	2	1	-	4	4	-	12	8	74
December	1	-	1	8	1	-	10	4	68
<u>1949</u>									
January	-	-	-	8	6	2	20	10	97
February	-	2	1	6	4	2	17	6	93
March	2	2	-	7	6	-	14	5	80
April	-	2	-	5	2	3	15	-	76
May	-	2	1	10	4	1	16	9	89
June	-	-	-	4	1	2	10	6	65
July	2	-	-	6	3	2	8	3	70
August	1	-	-	6	1	1	21	5	78
September	-	-	-	12	3	3	19	10	91
October	1	1	7	10	3	1	20	8	97
November	1	1	1	12	7	1	21	5	116
December	1	-	-	8	6	1	22	3	114

TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1949

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	5	69	12	1	-	3	7	97
February	-	1	-	72	14	1	-	-	5	93
March	1	1	1	63	7	-	1	2	4	80
April	-	-	1	61	7	1	-	-	6	76
May	-	-	-	65	14	3	-	1	6	89
June	1	-	-	50	5	1	1	2	5	65
July	-	-	-	59	7	1	-	-	3	70
August	-	-	-	63	11	1	-	1	2	78
September	-	-	1	69	12	2	1	-	6	91
October	1	1	-	78	14	1	1	-	1	97
November	-	1	4	87	12	1	-	4	7	116
December	-	-	-	91	16	3	1	-	3	114
Total, 1949	3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066
Total, 1948	1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
Total, 1947	2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 1949, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1	15,000	60,000
Nova Scotia	2	-	27,198
New Brunswick	4	31,382	44,601
Quebec	256	3,278,530	4,620,859
Ontario	42	621,979	860,851
Manitoba	5	70,629	109,750
Saskatchewan	2	9,465	44,760
Alberta	4	15,693	28,446
British Columbia	11	234,358	415,483
Comparative Total for the			
Fourth Quarter - 1949	327	4,277,036	6,211,948
1948	207	3,256,385	4,461,278
1947	143	1,390,620	2,947,256
1946	101	1,039,890	1,702,585
 The Year			
1949	1,066	15,548,598	21,355,669
1948	813	9,855,789	15,723,615
1947	545	5,933,211	10,077,557
1946	278	4,039,339	5,966,153

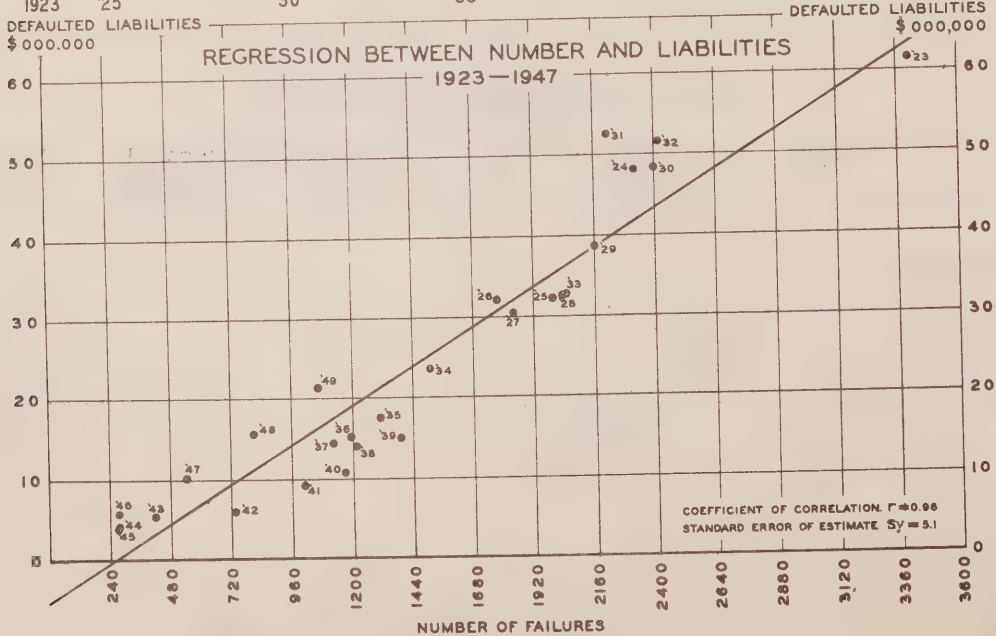
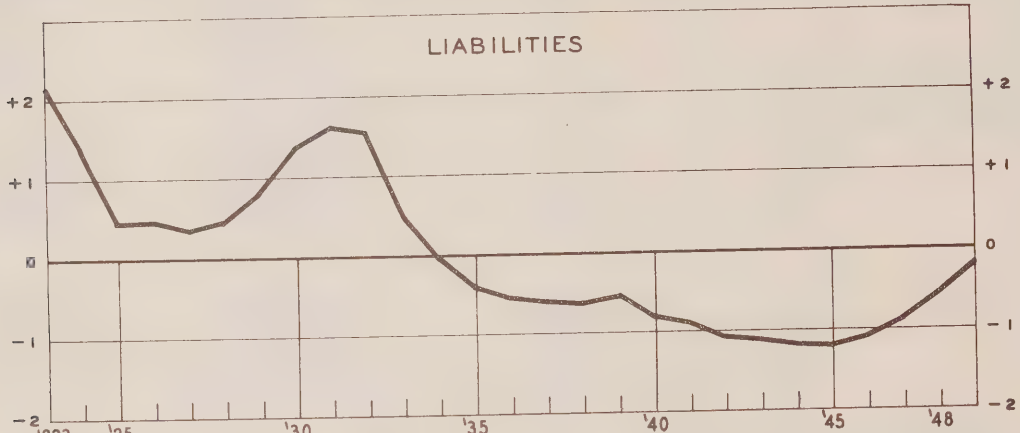
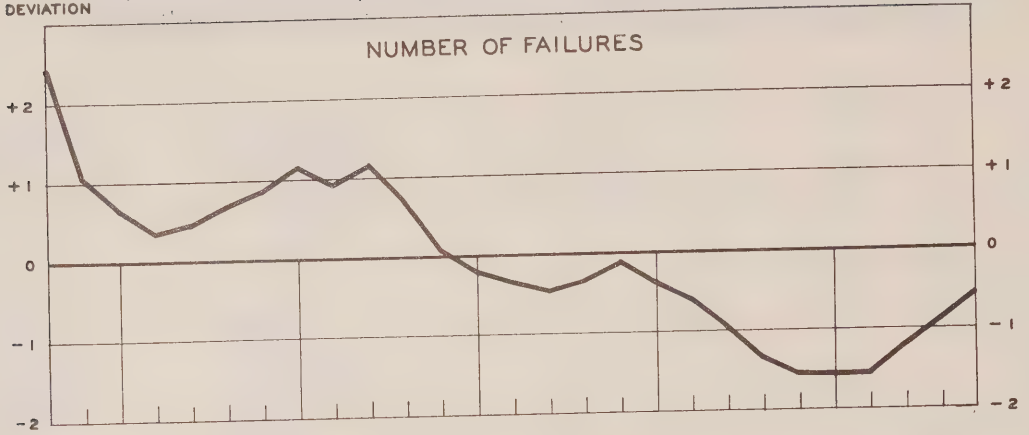
Table 9. Wage-Earner Failures, 1949.
(Preliminary)

	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total
Trade	-	13	-	-	-	13
Manufactures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	-	43	-	-	-	43
Other	2	62	2	-	2	68
Total	2	118	2	-	2	124

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First Quarter, 1950

Commercial failures during the first quarter of 1950 were 41 per cent greater than in the same period of 1949. The total number of bankruptcies was 382, the most unfavourable for any first quarter since 1934. Liabilities amounted to \$6,307,156 as compared with \$4,195,655 last year and were slightly greater than the amount shown for 1934.

Industrial Distribution.

During the period under review, failures in trade accounted for 149, manufactures 81, while in service there were 89. Transportation failures numbered eight, the latter having been the only main industrial group showing a decrease as compared with the first quarter last year.

The Provinces.

The largest number of failures occurred in Quebec where 308 were reported. In Ontario there were 45 and in British Columbia 17. The Maritimes accounted for eight and Alberta of the Prairie area reported four. Wage-earners in Quebec recorded 31 failures. In each of the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia there was one failure in this category. This report relates to failure data under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts including a number of wage-earners.

The Chart.

In the accompanying chart, the number, liabilities and average liability per failure are depicted by months since January, 1948. The number in the last half of 1949 was consistently at a higher level than in the same months of the preceding year. The striking feature of the chart was the high position of the number and liabilities during the first quarter of this year. The average liability per failure during the first quarter was very similar to the average for the same period of the two previous years.

Table 1. - Number of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1950

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Table 2. - Defaulted Liabilities of Commercial Failures in Canada.

1923 - 1950

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TABLE 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, 1950, WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for First Quarter 1950 1949 1948		
<u>TRADE</u>								
General Stores	-	6	3	-	1	10	13	12
Grocery	1	14	3	-	-	18	9	10
Confectionery	-	6	-	-	-	6	6	4
Drink and Tobacco ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and Meat	-	13	2	-	-	15	5	5
Boots and Shoes	-	8	2	1	-	11	4	2
Dry Goods	-	11	-	-	-	11	9	-
Clothing	1	19	2	-	1	23	9	6
Furniture	-	4	-	-	-	4	3	3
Books and Stationery.	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	1
Automobile	-	3	-	-	-	3	3	-
Hardware	-	4	1	-	-	5	3	1
Electric Apparatus ..	-	5	-	-	-	5	7	3
Jewelry	-	7	2	-	-	9	6	3
Coal and Wood	1	5	1	-	-	7	2	2
Drugs and Chemicals .	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	2
Miscellaneous	2	6	6	-	2	16	13	13
Total Trade	5	117	22	1	4	149	93	67
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>								
Vegetable Foods	-	10	2	-	-	12	6	4
Drink and Tobacco ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Animal Foods	-	6	2	-	-	8	2	2
Fur and Leather	-	12	1	-	-	13	10	7
Pulp and Paper	-	2	2	-	1	5	2	1
Textiles	2	10	-	-	-	12	2	-
Clothing	-	3	2	-	-	5	5	4
Lumber & Manufactures	-	6	2	-	2	10	16	7
Iron and Steel	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	8
Non-ferrous Metals ..	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	1
Non-metallic Minerals	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Drugs and Chemicals .	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	-
Miscellaneous	-	8	-	-	-	8	7	4
Total Manufactures ...	2	64	12	-	3	81	57	39
<u>SERVICE</u>								
Garage	-	11	-	-	-	11	14	7
Other custom & repair	-	16	-	-	1	17	9	3
Personal Service	-	23	2	-	1	26	7	12
Restaurants	-	17	1	1	2	21	8	10
Professional Service.	-	5	1	-	-	6	7	4
Recreational Service.	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	3
Business Service	-	5	-	1	-	6	5	3
Total service	-	79	4	2	4	89	51	42

TABLE 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, 1950, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for First Quarter 1950 1949 1948		
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture	-	4	-	-	-	4	2	-
Mining	-	-	3	1	-	4	1	1
Logging, Fish & Trapping	1	1	-	-	-	2	4	-
Construction	-	20	3	-	3	26	21	19
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	-	8	-	-	-	8	16	10
Finance	-	3	1	-	1	5	4	-
Total Other	1	36	7	1	4	49	48	30
Not Classified	-	12	-	-	2	14	21	25
GRAND TOTAL	8	308	45	4	17	382	270	203

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1949 and 1950

	T R A D E				M A N U F A C T U R E S				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Cloth- ing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur & Lea- ther	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
<u>1949</u>									
January ...	30	3	3	3	21	6	4	-	2
February ...	35	6	4	3	20	6	4	-	3
March	28	4	2	3	16	4	2	1	1
April	27	1	4	3	22	3	4	2	2
May	29	3	4	5	17	5	3	1	1
June	27	4	2	2	15	2	1	-	3
July	28	5	3	4	18	3	4	1	3
August	29	2	4	2	14	2	1	2	5
September ..	32	4	4	3	12	1	-	3	1
October	35	3	5	4	11	-	1	1	2
November ...	34	5	7	5	33	7	7	2	5
December ...	40	5	5	3	33	7	3	2	3
<u>1950</u>									
January	47	5	6	8	21	3	5	-	3
February ...	53	3	5	6	28	4	4	2	4
March	49	2	7	9	32	3	4	1	5

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1948, 1949 AND 1950

Concluded

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1948</u>									
January	-	-	-	5	3	-	14	8	65
February ...	-	-	-	7	3	-	12	6	63
March	-	-	1	7	4	-	16	11	75
April	3	-	1	6	2	-	15	6	78
May	2	1	-	5	3	-	12	7	74
June	-	1	-	7	1	-	7	3	70
July	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	2	46
August	-	-	-	6	3	2	11	4	59
September ..	1	-	-	8	4	2	19	4	76
October	-	-	-	9	1	-	11	2	65
November ...	2	1	-	4	4	-	12	8	74
December ...	1	-	1	8	1	-	10	4	68
<u>1949</u>									
January	-	-	-	8	6	2	20	10	97
February ...	-	2	1	6	4	2	17	6	93
March	2	2	-	7	6	-	14	5	80
April	-	2	-	5	2	3	15	-	76
May	-	2	1	10	4	1	16	9	89
June	-	-	-	4	1	2	10	6	65
July	2	-	-	6	3	2	8	3	70
August	1	-	-	6	1	1	21	5	78
September ..	-	-	-	12	3	3	19	10	91
October	1	1	7	10	3	1	20	8	97
November ...	1	1	1	12	7	1	21	5	116
December ...	1	-	-	8	6	1	22	3	114
<u>1950</u>									
January	-	1	1	9	1	1	33	3	117
February ...	3	-	1	8	4	2	26	7	132
March	1	1	2	9	3	2	30	4	133

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, FIRST QUARTER 1950
WITH COMPARISONS

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	1	3	92	15	-	-	-	6	117
February	-	2	-	108	13	-	-	2	7	132
March	-	-	2	108	17	-	-	2	4	133
First Quarter, 1950	-	3	5	308	45	-	-	4	17	382
First Quarter, 1949	1	2	6	204	33	2	1	5	16	270
First Quarter, 1948	1	1	2	157	31	2	-	1	8	203

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TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1950, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	5	85,078	245,725
New Brunswick	3	20,481	29,320
Quebec	308	2,687,988	3,960,602
Ontario	45	655,090	1,191,235
Manitoba	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	4	274,962	312,065
British Columbia	17	316,944	568,209
Comparative Total for the			
First Quarter - 1950 ...	382	4,040,543	6,307,156
1949 ...	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948 ...	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947 ...	120	954,602	1,431,807

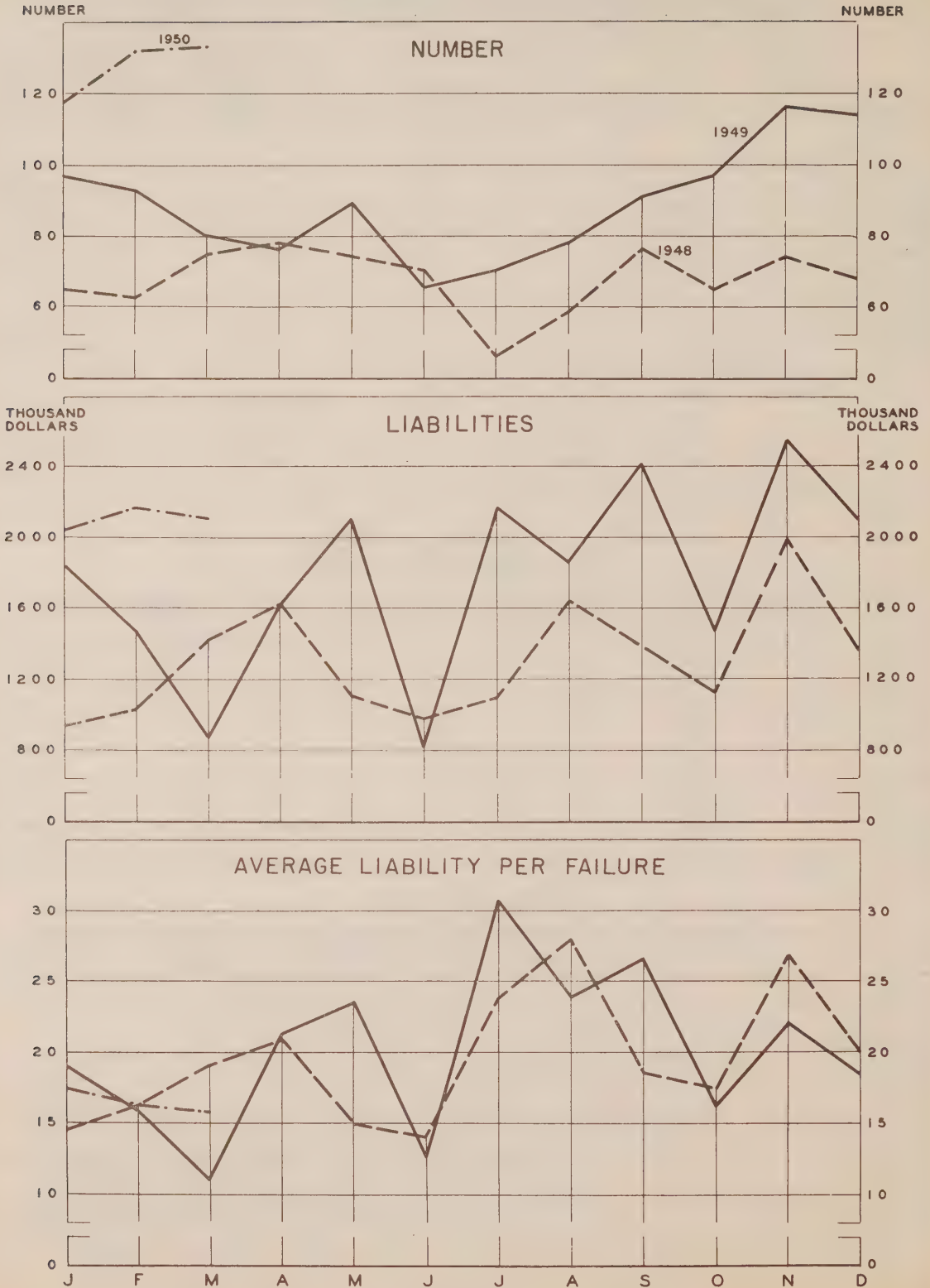
Table 7. Wage-Earner Failures,
For the Whole Year, 1949

	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total
Trade	-	13	-	-	-	13
Manufactures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	-	43	-	-	-	43
Other	2	62	2	-	2	68
Total	2	118	2	-	2	124

First Quarter 1950

	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total
Trade	-	4	1	-	-	5
Manufactures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	-	15	-	-	-	15
Other	-	12	-	-	1	13
Total	-	31	1	-	1	33

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The advance in commercial failures in evidence for the last four years was continued in the first half of 1950. The increase in the number was 44 p.c. over the first six months of last year. The total was 720 compared with 500 in the first half of 1949. The aggregate for the first six months of 1948 was 425, an increase of 69 p.c. having been indicated.

The defaulted liabilities at \$12.4 million were 42.6 p.c. greater than in the first half of 1949. The average liability this year was \$17,281, not greatly changed from the standing of the first six months of 1949.

The Second Quarter

Failures and liabilities were also considerably greater in the second quarter than in the same period of last year. The failures numbered 338 compared with 230 one year ago. The liabilities rose from \$4.5 million to \$6.1 million, the increase having been 35 p.c.

Industrial Trend

A marked increase was shown in failures in trading activities. The advance was 63 p.c. over the second quarter of last year. The miscellaneous group including primary industries, construction and transport was less prominent with a relative gain of 30 p.c. The increases in manufactures and services were 24 p.c. and 39 p.c., respectively.

Economic Areas

The failures increased in each of the five economic areas except British Columbia. The number in the Maritimes was 10 during the second quarter against two only in the same period of 1949. Fatalities in Quebec rose from 176 to 258. The standing in Ontario was 40 compared with 26 one year ago. The total for the Prairie Provinces rose to 13 compared with 9, while the number for British Columbia was unchanged at 17.

The Charts

The fluctuations of failures and liabilities naturally show an inverse movement to that of the great majority of other economic factors. Unemployment, measured by the number of unplaced applicants reported by employment offices, as indicated in the chart of this issue, tends to follow a similar movement. The average liability per failure was greater in the years from 1946 to 1949 than from 1935 to 1945.

Table 1. - Number of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1950

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114							

Table 2. - Defaulted Liabilities of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1950
\$ '000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	1,936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700							

Table 3. - Commercial Failures in Canada, by Provinces and Branches of Business
for the Second Quarter, 1950, with Comparisons

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Second Quarter		
						1950	1949	1948
<u>TRADE</u>								
General Stores	2	7	1	1	2	13	8	8
Grocery	2	15	2	-	-	19	10	9
Confectionery	1	6	1	-	-	8	5	4
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Fish and Meat	-	10	2	-	-	12	5	5
Boots and Shoes	-	4	1	-	-	5	5	1
Dry Goods	-	9	1	-	-	10	5	6
Clothing	3	12	3	1	-	19	10	4
Furniture	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	4
Books and Stationery	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	1
Automobile	-	1	1	-	1	3	1	6
Hardware	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	4
Electric Apparatus	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	2
Jewelry	-	6	-	-	-	6	2	4
Coal and Wood	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	8
Drugs and Chemicals	-	3	2	-	-	5	1	2
Miscellaneous	-	12	4	4	3	23	9	17
Total Trade	8	96	19	6	6	135	83	87
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>								
Vegetable Foods	-	6	1	-	-	7	6	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Fur and Leather	-	7	2	-	-	9	8	5
Pulp and Paper	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-
Textiles	-	6	-	-	-	6	3	2
Clothing	-	13	2	-	-	15	8	2
Lumber and Manufactures ...	-	3	4	-	2	9	10	14
Iron and Steel	-	3	-	-	-	3	3	11
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2
Non-metallic Minerals	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	2
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Miscellaneous	-	10	2	-	-	12	5	10
Total Manufactures	-	53	12	-	2	67	54	53
<u>SERVICES</u>								
Garage	-	10	-	2	-	12	9	8
Other Custom and Repair ...	1	8	1	1	-	11	4	9
Personal Service	-	11	2	-	-	13	8	9
Restaurants	-	9	-	-	2	11	9	2
Professional Service	-	3	-	-	-	3	6	3
Recreational Service	-	1	-	1	-	2	3	-
Business Service	-	4	1	-	-	5	2	3
Total Service	1	46	4	4	2	57	41	34

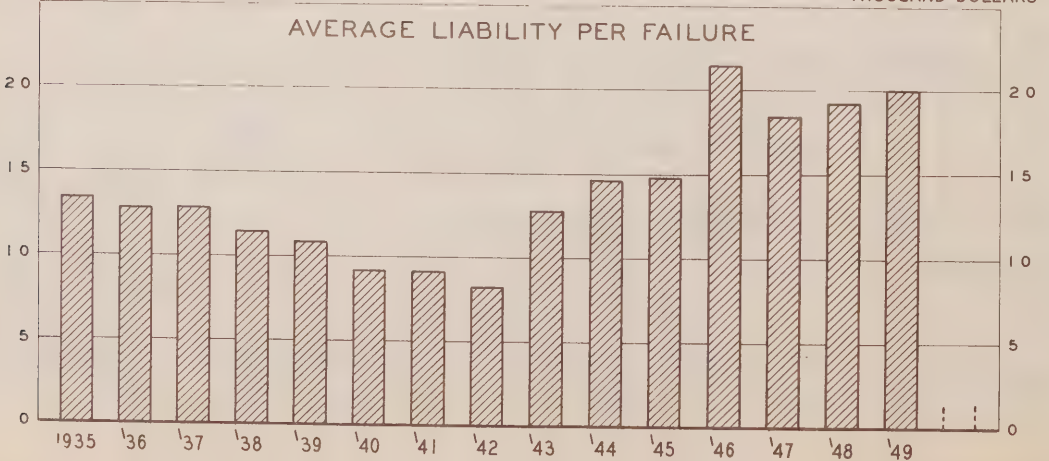
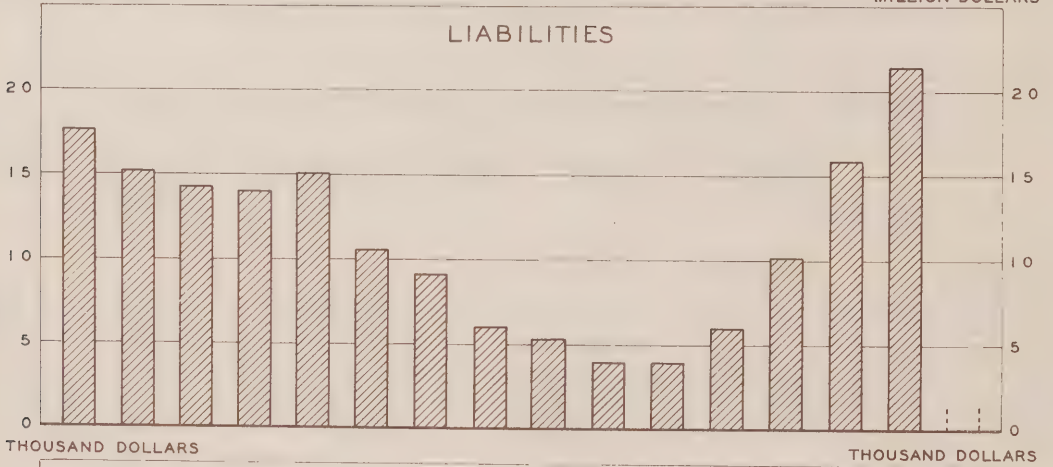
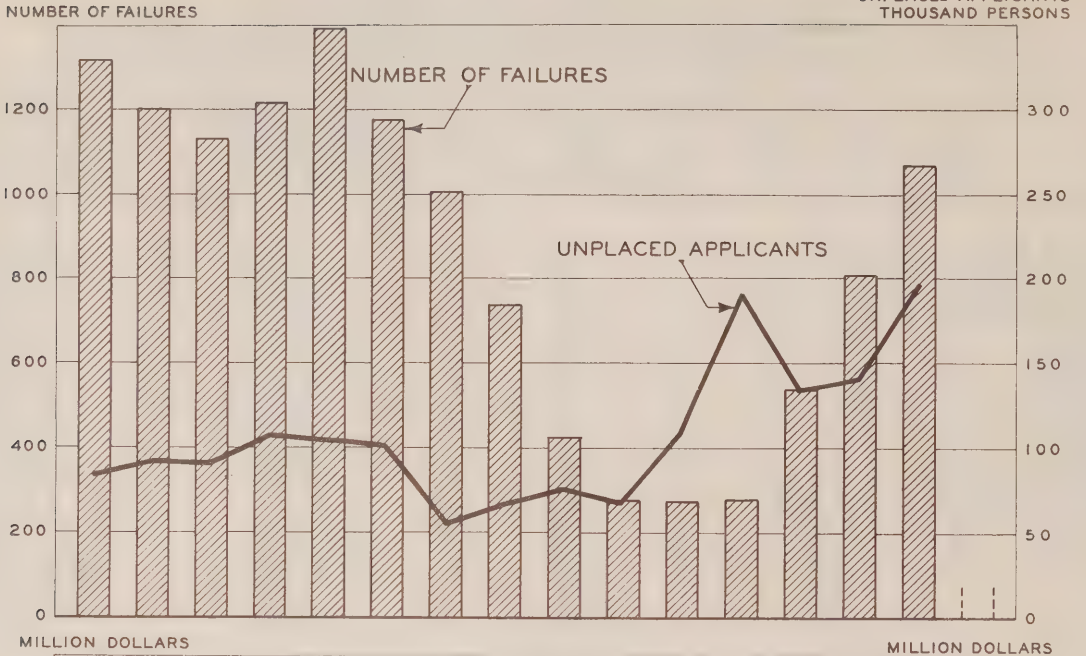
Table 3. - Commercial Failures in Canada, by Provinces and Branches of Business for the Second Quarter, 1950, with Comparisons - Concluded

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Second Quarter		
						1950	1949	1948
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture	-	5	-	-	1	6	-	5
Mining	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
Logging, Fishing & Trapping.	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	2
Construction	-	17	3	3	2	25	19	18
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	9	1	-	-	10	7	6
Finance	1	3	-	-	-	4	6	-
Total Other	1	34	5	3	5	48	37	32
Not Classified	-	29	-	-	2	31	15	16
GRAND TOTAL	10	258	40	13	17	338	230	222

Table 4. - Commercial Failures by Months and Branches of Business, 1949 and 1950

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Cloth- ing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur & Lea- ther	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
<u>1949</u>									
January	30	3	3	3	21	6	4	-	2
February	35	6	4	3	20	6	4	-	3
March	28	4	2	3	16	4	2	1	1
April	27	1	4	3	22	3	4	2	2
May	29	3	4	5	17	5	3	1	1
June	27	4	2	2	15	2	1	-	3
July	28	5	3	4	18	3	4	1	3
August	29	2	4	2	14	2	1	2	5
September	32	4	4	3	12	1	-	3	1
October	35	3	5	4	11	-	1	1	2
November	34	5	7	5	33	7	7	2	5
December	40	5	5	3	33	7	3	2	3
<u>1950</u>									
January	47	5	6	8	21	3	5	-	3
February	53	3	5	6	28	4	4	2	4
March	49	2	7	9	32	3	4	1	5
April	41	3	6	6	24	2	3	1	2
May	45	7	6	5	21	4	3	1	2
June	49	3	7	8	22	3	3	1	3

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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS
Third Quarter, 1950

Commercial failures in Canada showed some evidence of levelling off in recent months. The number was at a somewhat lower level in the third quarter than in the second. Failures numbered 248 compared with 338 in the second quarter of the present year. The decline of 26.6 per cent may be significant of a change in the trend of the failure situation. The low point, from an annual footing, was reached in 1945 and the trend of failures has been upward until the first half of the present year. The decline in the third quarter reflects the improvement in economic conditions.

Owing to the impact of the first six months, the failures, for the elapsed portion of the present year, are still in excess over the same period of 1949. In the first three quarters of 1950, failures numbered 968 against 739 in the same period of last year, the number having been nearly one-third larger.

Industrial Trend

Failures in trading establishments in the third quarter numbered 93 against 89 in the same months of last year, a gain of 4.5 per cent. The increase in failures of manufacturing concerns was insignificant, the total having been 45 compared with 44. The record for services was not so favourable, seeing that failures numbered 57 compared with 48, a gain of 18.8 per cent in this comparison. The other classifications, as well as the unclassified, showed declines from last year. The net result was that the aggregate was 3.8 per cent more than in the third quarter of 1949.

Economic Areas

The failures in Quebec receded from 191 in the third quarter of last year to 169 in 1950. The number in the Prairies was unchanged at 6. A considerable increase was shown in the Maritimes, while the Ontario figures rose from 30 last year to 47 in the recent quarter. The gain in British Columbia was from 11 to 14. The net increase for the third quarter was limited to 3.8 per cent.

The Charts

It is assumed that commercial failures are numerous in depressed times and scanty in times of prosperity. Correlation is shown between the number of commercial failures and the number of the unemployed, especially during the period from 1933 to 1946. Commercial failures were relatively high from 1923 to 1929, while the number of unemployed seeking work was at a low level. The average liability per failure was at a high level from 1923 to 1932 and that experience has been again in evidence in the last four years.

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Table 1. - Number of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1950

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114	78	84	86				

Table 2. - Defaulted Liabilities of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1950
\$ '000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	1,936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
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1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700	2,029	1,956	1,813				

TABLE 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1950, WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter		
						1950	1949	1948
<u>TRADE</u>								
General Stores	-	5	3	-	-	8	11	7
Grocery	2	7	2	-	-	11	11	6
Confectionery	2	5	1	-	-	8	2	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish and Meat	-	5	3	-	-	8	8	4
Boots and Shoes	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	3
Dry Goods	-	2	-	1	-	3	1	3
Clothing	2	8	5	1	-	16	9	4
Furniture	-	1	2	1	-	4	2	3
Books and Stationery	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Automobile	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	2
Hardware	-	2	-	-	1	3	2	5
Electric Apparatus	-	2	1	-	-	3	7	-
Jewelry	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	2
Coal and Wood	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	2
Drugs and Chemicals	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	1
Miscellaneous	1	11	5	1	2	20	24	9
Total Trade	9	54	22	4	4	93	89	53
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>								
Vegetable Foods	-	2	3	1	-	6	9	7
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Fur and Leather	1	2	-	-	-	3	5	11
Pulp and Paper	-	2	1	-	1	4	2	2
Textiles	-	3	1	-	-	4	1	2
Clothing	-	5	2	-	-	7	5	3
Lumber and Manufactures ...	-	7	-	-	-	7	6	11
Iron and Steel	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4
Non-ferrous Metals	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Non-metallic Minerals	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Miscellaneous	-	8	1	-	-	9	6	8
Total Manufactures	1	33	9	1	1	45	44	50
<u>SERVICE</u>								
Garage	-	8	2	-	-	10	11	8
Other custom and repair ...	-	7	1	-	-	8	8	8
Personal Service	-	8	2	-	2	12	16	8
Restaurants	-	11	2	-	-	13	8	6
Professional Service	-	5	1	-	-	6	2	5
Recreational Service	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-
Business Service	-	5	1	-	-	6	2	-
Total Service	-	46	9	-	2	57	48	35

Table 3. - Commercial Failures in Canada, by Provinces and Branches of Business for the Third Quarter, 1950, with Comparisons - Concluded

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter		
						1950	1949	1948
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	3	1	-	1	5	3	1
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Logging, Fishing & Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Construction	1	15	2	-	2	20	25	18
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	6	-	-	2	8	7	8
Finance	-	4	1	-	-	5	6	4
Total Other	1	28	4	-	5	38	41	33
Not Classified	1	8	3	1	2	15	17	10
GRAND TOTAL	12	169	47	6	14	248	239	181

Table 4. - Commercial Failures by Months and Branches of Business, 1949 and 1950

	T R A D E				M A N U F A C T U R E S				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Cloth- ing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur & Lea- ther	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
1949									
January	30	3	3	3	21	6	4	-	2
February	35	6	4	3	20	6	4	-	3
March	28	4	2	3	16	4	2	1	1
April	27	1	4	3	22	3	4	2	2
May	29	3	4	5	17	5	3	1	1
June	27	4	2	2	15	2	1	-	3
July	28	5	3	4	18	3	4	1	3
August	29	2	4	2	14	2	1	2	5
September	32	4	4	3	12	1	-	3	1
October	35	3	5	4	11	-	1	1	2
November	34	5	7	5	33	7	7	2	5
December	40	5	5	3	33	7	3	2	3
1950									
January	47	5	6	8	21	3	5	-	3
February	53	3	5	6	28	4	4	2	4
March	49	2	7	9	32	3	4	1	5
April	41	3	6	6	24	2	3	1	2
May	45	7	6	5	21	4	3	1	2
June	49	3	7	8	22	3	3	1	3
July	32	2	4	5	15	3	1	-	2
August	23	2	2	5	19	3	1	-	3
September	38	4	5	6	11	1	1	-	1

Table 4. - Commercial Failures by Months and Branches of Business, 1949 and 1950 (Concluded).

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1949</u>									
January	-	-	-	8	6	2	20	10	97
February	-	2	1	6	4	2	17	6	93
March	2	2	-	7	6	-	14	5	80
April	-	2	-	5	2	3	15	-	76
May	-	2	1	10	4	1	16	9	89
June	-	-	-	4	1	2	10	6	65
July	2	-	-	6	3	2	8	3	70
August	1	-	-	6	1	1	21	5	78
September	-	-	-	12	3	3	19	10	91
October	1	1	7	10	3	1	20	8	97
November	1	1	1	12	7	1	21	5	116
December	1	-	-	8	6	1	22	3	114
<u>1950</u>									
January	-	1	1	9	1	1	33	3	117
February	3	-	1	8	4	2	26	7	132
March	1	1	2	9	3	2	30	4	133
April	3	-	1	11	5	2	24	10	121
May	2	-	-	6	2	2	16	9	103
June	1	2	-	8	3	-	17	12	114
July	1	-	-	6	3	1	17	3	78
August	1	-	-	10	2	2	21	6	84
September	3	-	-	4	3	2	19	6	86

Table 5. - Commercial Failures by Provinces, First Nine Months 1950 With Comparisons

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	3	1	92	15	-	-	-	6	117
February	-	-	2	108	13	-	-	2	7	132
March	-	2	-	108	17	-	-	2	4	133
April	-	2	1	98	11	2	-	2	5	121
May	1	1	2	80	8	3	-	2	6	103
June	-	1	2	80	21	2	1	1	6	114
July	1	1	2	54	13	1	1	-	5	78
August	-	1	2	55	19	2	1	-	4	84
September	2	1	2	60	15	-	1	-	5	86
<u>Nine Month's Total</u>										
1950	4	12	14	735	132	10	4	9	48	968
1949	2	2	8	571	89	11	3	9	44	739
1948	1	6	8	463	84	5	2	8	29	606

Table 6. - Commercial Failures in Canada by Provinces, Showing Estimated Assets and Liabilities, Third Quarter of 1950, with Comparisons

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	3	108,951	98,204
Nova Scotia	3	105,215	138,836
New Brunswick	6	53,155	94,079
Quebec	169	3,117,247	3,950,290
Ontario	47	846,825	1,234,953
Manitoba	3	31,556	47,651
Saskatchewan	3	24,719	36,909
Alberta	-	-	-
British Columbia	14	112,270	197,239
Comparative Total for the			
Third Quarter - 1950	248	4,399,938	5,798,161
1949	239	5,150,543	6,418,224
1948	181	2,582,402	4,139,130
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741

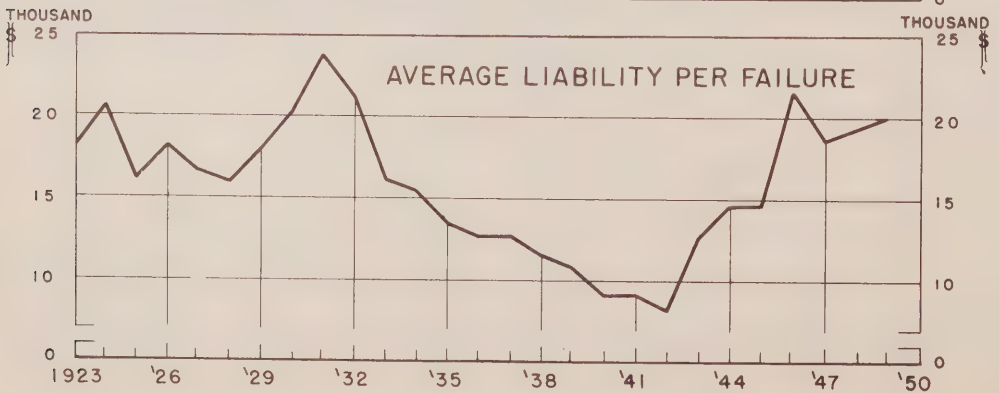
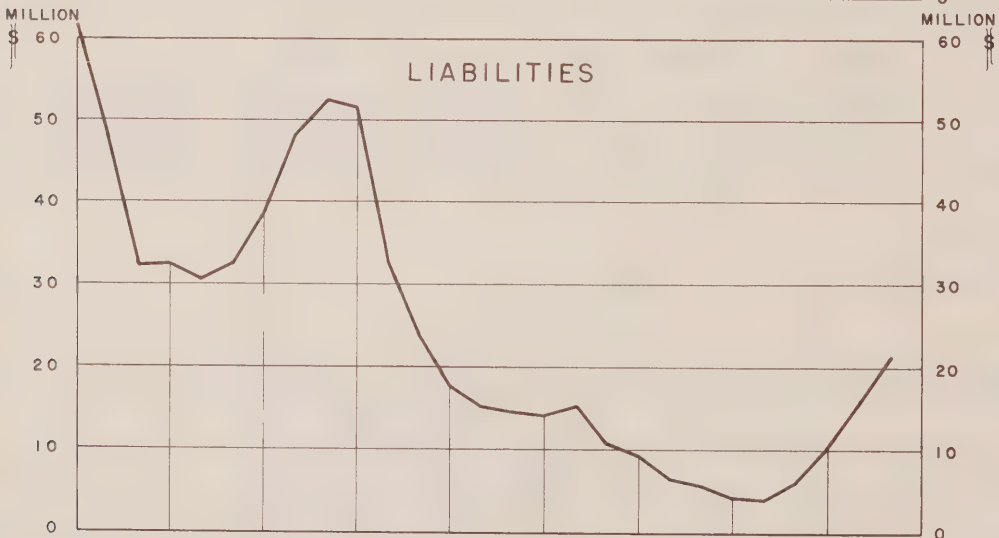
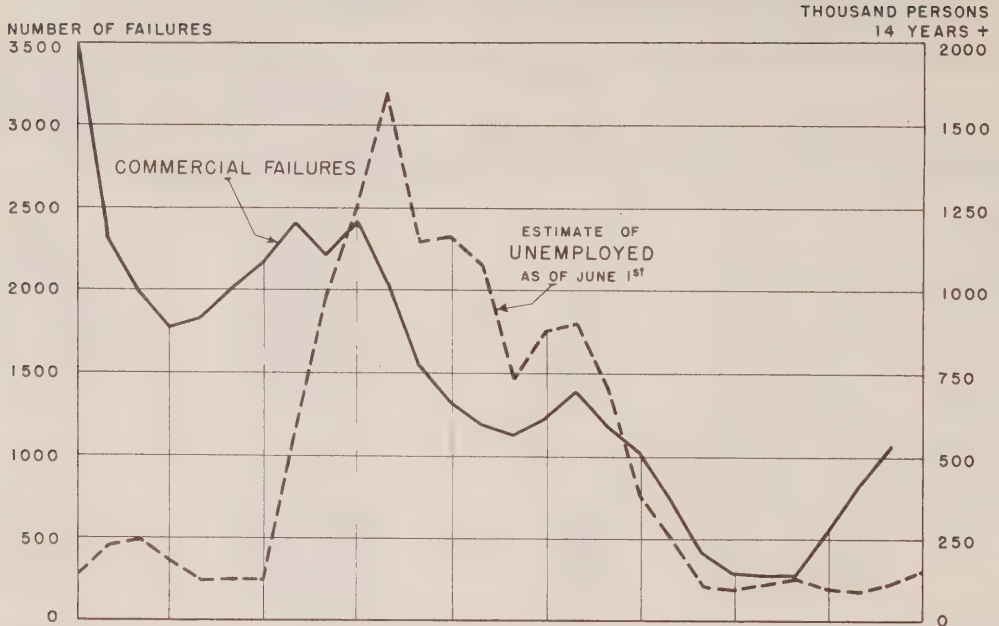
Table 7. - Wage-Earner Failures, for the Whole Year, 1949

	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total
Trade	-	13	-	-	-	13
Manufactures ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service	-	43	-	-	-	43
Other	2	62	2	-	2	68
Total	2	118	2	-	2	124

Third Quarter 1950 with Totals for the First and Second Quarters of this Year

	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total		
						Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
Trade	-	3	-	-	-	3	7	5
Manufactures ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Service	-	10	-	-	-	10	14	15
Other	-	12	1	-	-	13	6	13
Total	-	25	1	-	-	26	30	33

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FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR, 1950

The number of commercial failures was greater in 1950 than in any other year since 1939, the fatalities exceeding the levels of each of the previous ten years. The intervening period was characterized by a low level of failures. A downward movement was in evidence from 1939 to 1945 when the last world war ended and an upward fluctuation developed from that time to the present.

Owing to important changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the statistics for the last half of 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies. In several tables, however, and in the charts, the numbers are shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

The liabilities, excluding the records of the proposal section in the last half of the year, were greater during 1950 than in any similar period since 1933. The total was \$24,872,000 compared with \$21,356,000 in the preceding year. The liabilities of 1933, when a severe depression was in evidence, reached the high level of nearly \$33 million. No other similar period in the intervening span of sixteen years showed a higher total than 1950.

The Chart.

In sections A and B of the accompanying chart, the numbers of failures are shown by quarters from 1923 to the present and by months from January, 1948 to December, 1950. For the purpose of comparability the number of proposals for the last half of the year under review are included with the bankruptcies proper. The liabilities of bankrupt persons and companies are shown by months from January, 1948. The totals for insolvents making proposals according to the new act are not available.

Industrial Trend.

Leaving the number under the proposal section out of account, each of the main industrial divisions showed increases in 1950 over the preceding year. The numbers failing in the trading division were 502 in 1950 against 374 in the preceding year. The increase in manufacturing concerns was about 11 percent to 257. Bankruptcies in the services advanced from 203 to 273 and the miscellaneous groups rose from 187 to 193.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts to which the statistics of this report relate. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, The Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics are not included here for cases dealt with under this legislation.

Prepared in the Business Statistics Section.

Table 1. - Number of Commercial Failures in Canada

1923 - 1950

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114	78	85	86	111	137	86	1,303
1950 Proposals							13	16	7	8	20	15	79

Table 2. - Defaulted Liabilities of Commercial Failures in Canada
1923 - 1950
\$ '000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	3,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	1,936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,306	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700	2,029	1,956	1,813	2,172	2,504	1,957	24,872

Table 3. Number of Commercial Failures by Provinces
1923 - 1950

Year	New found- land	N.B.I.	N.S.	N.E.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923		16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924		3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925		4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926		4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927		4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928		4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929		1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930		3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931		7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932		9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933		10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934		8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935		4	29	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936		6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937		-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938		4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939		3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940		3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941		4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942		2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943		-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944		-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945		1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946		1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947		2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948		1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
1949		3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066
1950	3	8	17	20	967	186	16	9	16	61	1,303

Table 4. Defaulted Liabilities by Provinces

1923 - 1950

\$ 000

Year	New-found-land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	-	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154
1926	-	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291
1927	-	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555
1928	-	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455
1929	-	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,748
1930	-	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164
1931	-	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553
1932	-	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629
1933	-	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954
1934	-	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598
1935	-	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567
1936	-	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145
1937	-	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303
1938	-	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017
1939	-	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089
1940	-	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663
1941	-	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134
1942	-	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019
1943	-	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340
1944	-	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044
1945	-	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995
1946	-	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967
1947	-	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,078
1948	-	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724
1949	-	60	29	100	12,842	5,222	549	364	204	1,985	21,356
1950	22	135	851	203	16,065	4,700	386	137	604	1,769	24,872

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1950, WITH COMPARISONS

	THE FOURTH QUARTER					THE YEAR									
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total		
						1950	1949						1950	1949	
TRADE															
General Stores	1	11	1	1	-	14	13	3	29	8	2	3	45	45	
Grocery	1	9	2	-	-	12	17	6	45	9	-	-	60	47	
Confectionery	-	6	1	1	-	8	3	3	23	3	1	-	30	16	
Drink and Tobacco	-	3	-	-	1	4	-	-	3	-	-	1	4	3	
Fish and Meat	-	8	1	-	-	9	6	-	36	8	-	-	44	24	
Boots and Shoes	1	1	-	-	-	2	6	1	14	3	1	-	19	19	
Dry Goods	-	6	1	1	-	8	4	-	28	2	2	-	32	19	
Clothing	-	7	2	-	-	9	12	6	46	12	2	1	67	40	
Furniture	-	6	-	1	-	7	3	-	13	2	2	-	17	11	
Books and Stationery	-	8	-	1	-	9	1	-	14	-	1	-	15	8	
Automobile	-	2	1	-	-	3	5	-	7	2	-	2	11	11	
Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	2	-	1	11	8	
Electric Apparatus	-	4	1	-	-	5	5	-	13	2	-	-	15	24	
Jewelry	-	2	-	1	-	3	1	1	15	2	1	-	19	12	
Coal and Wood	-	4	1	-	-	5	2	1	14	2	-	-	17	9	
Drugs and Chemicals	-	4	-	-	-	4	4	1	11	2	-	-	14	6	
Miscellaneous	2	15	3	1	2	23	26	5	44	18	6	9	82	72	
Total Trade	5	96	14	7	3	125	109	27	363	77	18	17	502	374	
MANUFACTURES															
Vegetable Foods	-	8	3	2	-	13	10	-	26	9	3	-	38	31	
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Animal Foods	-	3	-	-	-	3	5	-	13	2	-	-	15	7	
Fur and Leather	-	6	1	1	-	8	11	1	27	4	1	-	33	34	
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	3	-	2	10	9	
Textiles	-	5	-	-	-	5	2	2	24	1	-	-	27	8	
Clothing	-	3	2	-	-	5	10	-	24	9	-	-	32	28	
Lumber & Manufactures	-	5	2	1	2	10	14	-	21	8	1	6	36	46	
Iron and Steel	-	4	2	-	-	6	5	-	9	3	-	-	12	15	
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	4	7	
Non-metallic Minerals	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	1	-	-	5	8	
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	1	-	-	2	5	-	2	2	-	-	4	12	
Miscellaneous	-	8	2	-	2	12	9	-	34	5	-	2	41	27	
Total Manufactures	-	43	13	4	4	64	77	3	193	46	5	10	257	232	
SERVICE															
Garage	1	9	-	-	-	10	15	1	38	2	2	-	43	49	
Other customs & repair ...	-	9	2	1	-	12	11	1	40	4	2	1	48	32	
Personal Service	2	11	3	-	-	16	17	2	53	9	-	3	67	48	
Restaurants	1	10	2	2	1	16	15	1	47	5	3	5	61	40	
Professional Service	-	8	-	-	-	8	2	-	21	2	-	-	23	17	
Recreational Service	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	6	-	1	2	8	6	
Business Service	-	4	2	-	-	6	2	-	18	4	1	-	23	11	
Total Service	4	51	9	3	3	70	63	5	222	26	9	11	273	203	

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1950, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	THE FOURTH QUARTER							THE YEAR						
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total	
						1950	1949						1950	1949
OTHER														
Agriculture	-	7	1	-	1	9	3	-	19	2	-	3	24	8
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	4	1	-	5	10
Logging, Fish & Trapping ..	-	1	-	1	1	3	2	1	2	-	1	3	7	10
Construction	-	15	9	2	-	26	30	1	67	17	5	7	97	94
Transportation and Public Utilities	2	8	4	-	-	14	16	2	31	5	-	2	40	46
Finance	-	6	-	-	-	6	3	1	16	2	-	1	20	19
Total Other	2	37	14	3	2	58	62	5	135	30	7	16	193	187
Not Classified	6	5	4	1	1	17	16	8	54	7	2	7	78	70
GRAND TOTAL	17	232	54	18	13	334	327	48	967	186	41	61	1,303	1,066

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1949 and 1950

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Total	Lumber & Mann- ufactures	Fur and Leather	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
1949									
January	30	3	3	3	21	6	4	-	2
February	35	6	4	3	20	6	4	-	3
March	28	4	2	3	16	4	2	1	1
April	27	1	4	3	22	3	4	2	2
May	29	3	4	5	17	5	3	1	1
June	27	4	2	2	15	2	1	-	3
July	28	5	3	4	18	3	4	1	3
August	29	2	4	2	14	2	1	2	5
September	32	4	4	3	12	1	-	3	1
October	35	3	5	4	11	-	1	1	2
November	34	5	7	5	33	7	7	2	5
December	40	5	5	3	33	7	3	2	3
1950									
January	47	5	6	8	21	3	5	-	3
February	53	3	5	6	28	4	4	2	4
March	49	2	7	9	32	3	4	1	5
April	41	3	6	6	24	2	3	1	2
May	45	7	6	5	21	4	3	1	2
June	49	3	7	8	22	3	3	1	3
July	32	2	4	5	15	3	1	-	2
August	23	2	2	5	19	3	1	-	3
September	38	4	5	6	11	1	1	-	1
October	36	4	3	1	24	4	4	2	4
November	52	6	6	4	25	5	2	2	6
December	37	4	3	4	15	1	2	2	3

Table 6. - Commercial Failures by Months and Branches of Business,
1949 and 1950 (Concluded)

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
1949									
January	-	-	-	8	6	2	20	10	97
February	-	2	1	6	4	2	17	6	93
March	2	2	-	7	6	-	14	5	80
April	-	2	-	5	2	3	15	-	76
May	-	2	1	10	4	1	16	9	89
June	-	-	-	4	1	2	10	6	65
July	2	-	-	6	3	2	8	3	70
August	1	-	-	6	1	1	21	5	78
September	-	-	-	12	3	3	19	10	91
October	1	1	7	10	3	1	20	8	97
November	1	1	1	12	7	1	21	5	116
December	1	-	-	8	6	1	22	3	114
1950									
January	-	1	1	9	1	1	33	3	117
February	3	-	1	8	4	2	26	7	132
March	1	1	2	9	3	2	30	4	133
April	3	-	1	11	5	2	24	10	121
May	2	-	-	6	2	2	16	9	103
June	1	2	-	8	3	-	17	12	114
July	1	-	-	6	3	1	17	3	78
August	1	-	-	10	2	2	21	7	85
September	3	-	-	4	3	2	19	6	86
October	4	-	-	9	7	2	23	6	111
November	4	-	-	12	3	2	32	7	137
December	1	3	-	5	4	2	15	4	86

Table 7. - Commercial Failures by Provinces, 1950

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January ...	-	-	3	1	92	15	-	-	-	6	117
February ..	-	-	-	2	108	13	-	-	2	7	132
March	-	-	2	-	108	17	-	-	2	4	133
April	-	-	2	1	98	11	2	-	2	5	121
May	1	1	1	2	80	8	3	-	2	6	103
June	-	-	1	2	80	21	2	1	1	6	114
July	1	1	1	2	54	13	1	1	-	5	78
August	1	-	1	2	55	19	2	1	-	4	85
September .	-	2	1	2	60	15	-	1	-	5	86
October ...	1	1	2	2	78	13	2	4	3	5	111
November ..	-	2	1	4	94	24	2	1	3	6	137
December ..	1	1	2	-	60	17	2	-	1	2	86

Table 8. - Commercial Failures in Canada by Provinces, Showing Estimated Assets and Liabilities, Fourth Quarter of 1950, with Comparisons

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	2	13,106	22,228
Prince Edward Island	4	16,631	20,045
Nova Scotia	5	6,396	35,916
New Brunswick	6	17,413	31,934
Quebec	232	2,720,450	4,537,238
Ontario	54	1,173,230	1,560,703
Manitoba	6	34,148	71,337
Saskatchewan	5	59,816	42,059
Alberta	7	75,758	139,798
British Columbia	13	82,348	171,172
Comparative Total for the			
Fourth Quarter - 1950	334	4,199,296	6,632,430
1949	327	4,277,036	6,211,948
1948	207	3,256,385	4,461,278
1947	143	1,390,620	2,947,256

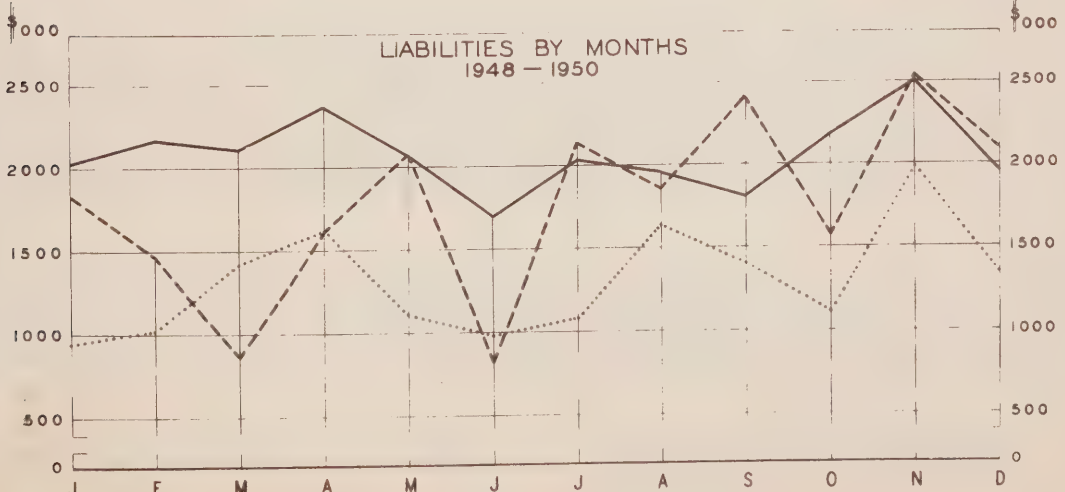
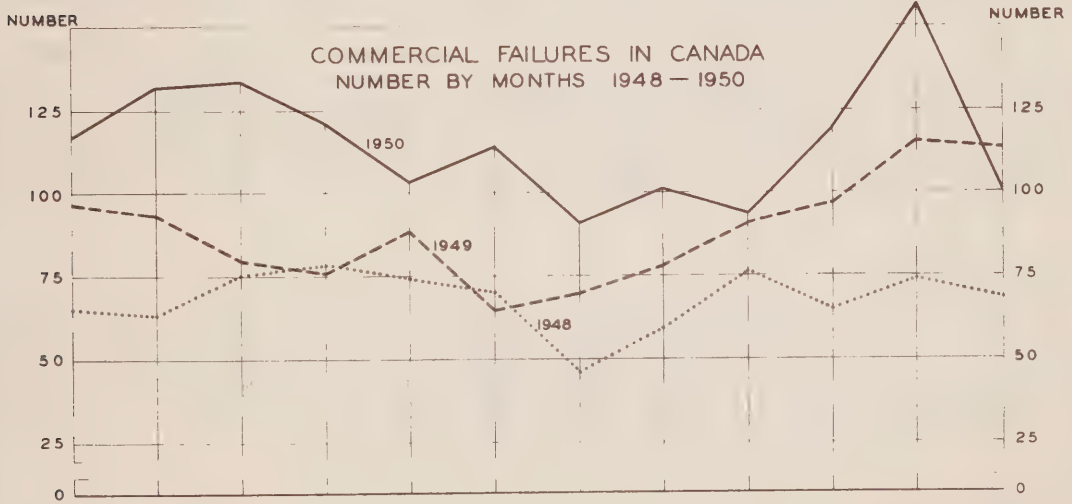
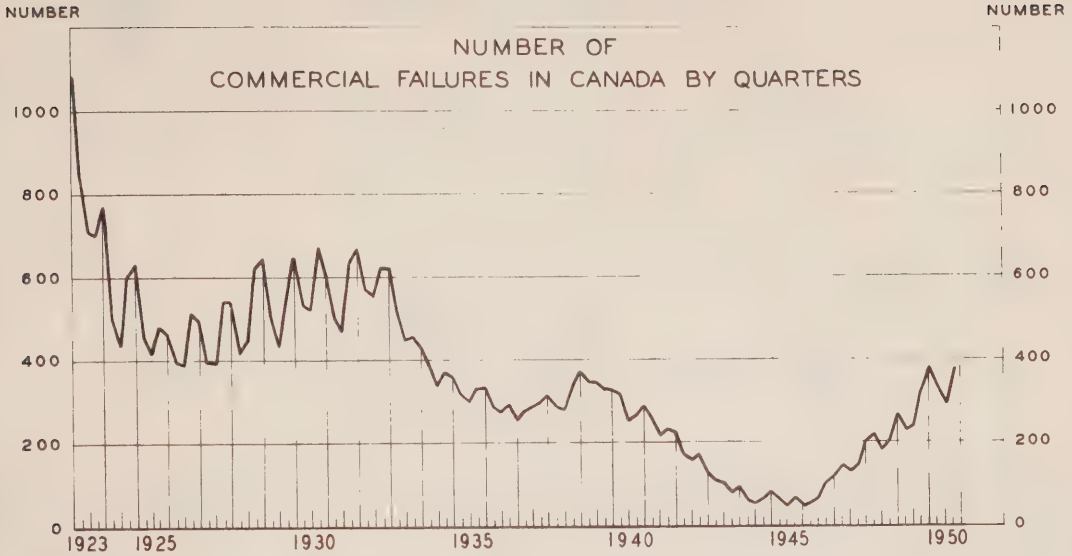
Table 9. - Wage-Earner Failures, by Quarters, 1950 with Comparisons

	T o t a l								
	Mari- times	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	British- Columbia	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
Trade	2	-	-	-	-	2	3	7	5
Manufactures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Service	24	2	-	-	-	26	10	14	15
Other	12	3	-	-	-	15	13	6	13
Fourth Quarter									
- 1950	38	5	-	-	-	43	26	30	33
The Year 1950 -	121	9	-	2					
The Year 1949	2 118	2	-	2					

Table 10. - Proposals as per Bankruptcy Act, Part 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
July	-	-	-	-	10	3	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	13	2	-	-	-	1	16
September .	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1	7
October ...	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
November ..	-	-	-	-	18	1	1	-	-	-	20
December ..	-	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	-	1	15
Total	-	-	-	2	66	7	1	-	-	3	79

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FIRST QUARTER 1951

Failures in Canada during the first quarter of 1951 numbered 400, an increase of five percent over the same period last year and the most unfavourable showing for any first quarter since 1934. Liabilities involved amounted to \$6.4 million as compared with \$6.3 million in 1950 and \$6.1 million in 1934. Since the first quarter of 1946, when failures for the period were the lowest on record, the number of insolvencies has been increasing steadily.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data for recent months are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Since July 1950, agreements made under this method are not included with the statistics of bankruptcies. In table 6 of this report, however, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend. Liabilities of insolvent persons making such agreements are not available.

Industrial Distribution.

The over-all gain in failures during the first quarter of 1951 as compared with the corresponding period last year was due to increases in the trade and construction sectors. Insolvencies of trading establishments totalled 168, a gain of 19 over 1950. Failures in construction numbered 39 compared with 26 during the first quarter last year. There was a slight decline in manufacturing and a drop of more than 12 percent in the number of bankruptcies in the services field. The net result was an aggregate gain of about five percent as compared with the first quarter of 1950.

Economic Areas.

The failures in Quebec receded from 308 in the first quarter of last year to 299 in 1951. As mentioned above, the latter figure does not include proposals. During the first three months of this year, proposals in Quebec numbered 49. The total for Canada was 51. The Atlantic Provinces recorded a gain of 5, including 2 in Newfoundland, data for which were not included last year. The Ontario figures rose from 45 in 1950 to 58 in the recent quarter while failures in British Columbia were practically unchanged. The gain in the Prairie Provinces was from 4 to 14, due mainly to the 9 failures reported in Manitoba. There were no failures in this province during the first quarter of 1950.

Insolvency.

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts to which the statistics of this report relate. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics are not included here for cases dealt with under this legislation.

TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1950 and 1951

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures				
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vegetable Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures	
1949x	1,066	21,356	8	10	10	232	31	34	46	
1950x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36	
1950										
Jan. ...	117	2,038	-	1	1	21	3	5	3	
Feb. ...	132	2,165	3	-	1	28	4	4	4	
Mar. ...	133	2,104	1	1	2	32	5	4	3	
Apr. ...	121	2,363	3	-	1	24	2	3	2	
May	103	2,071	2	-	-	21	2	3	4	
June ...	114	1,700	1	2	-	22	3	3	3	
July (1)	78	2,029	1	-	-	15	2	1	3	
Aug. ...	85	1,956	1	-	-	19	3	1	3	
Sept. ..	86	1,813	3	-	-	11	1	1	1	
Oct. ...	111	2,172	4	-	-	24	4	4	4	
Nov. ...	137	2,504	4	-	-	25	6	2	5	
Dec. ...	86	1,957	1	3	-	15	3	2	1	
1951										
Jan. ...	137	2,282	-	2	2	33	4	4	6	
Feb. ...	134	2,025	1	1	1	21	3	5	2	
Mar. ...	129	2,112	2	-	-	25	4	3	3	
	Manufactures	Con-	Trans-	Trade			Fin- Ser- Not			
	Iron and Steel	struc- tion	porta- tion	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	ance	vice	Class- ified
1949x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203	70
1950x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1950										
Jan. ...	-	9	1	47	5	6	8	1	33	3
Feb. ...	2	8	4	53	3	5	6	2	26	7
Mar. ...	1	9	3	49	2	7	9	2	30	4
Apr. ...	1	11	5	41	3	6	6	2	24	10
May	1	6	2	45	7	6	5	2	16	9
June ...	1	8	3	49	3	7	8	-	17	12
July ...	-	6	3	32	2	4	5	1	17	3
Aug. ...	-	10	2	23	2	2	5	2	21	7
Sept. ..	-	4	3	38	4	5	6	2	19	6
Oct. ...	2	9	7	36	4	3	1	2	23	6
Nov. ...	2	12	3	52	6	6	4	2	32	7
Dec. ...	2	5	4	37	4	3	4	2	15	4
1951										
Jan. ...	2	13	2	61	6	4	10	1	21	2
Feb. ...	1	10	3	55	4	4	6	1	36	5
Mar. ...	1	16	4	52	5	8	12	3	21	6

x Annual totals

(1) As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1951	1950	1949
TRADE								
General Stores	2	9	3	-	1	15	10	13
Grocery	2	10	3	-	1	16	18	9
Confectionery	-	8	2	1	2	13	6	6
Drink and Tobacco	-	1	2	-	-	3	-	-
Fish and Meat	-	11	-	-	-	11	15	5
Boots and Shoes	-	6	-	-	-	6	11	4
Dry Goods	-	6	-	-	-	6	11	9
Clothing	-	19	4	3	2	28	23	9
Furniture	-	8	3	-	-	11	4	3
Books and Stationery ...	-	4	2	-	-	6	3	1
Automobile	-	2	2	1	-	5	3	3
Hardware	3	1	1	1	1	7	5	3
Electric Apparatus	-	7	1	-	-	8	5	7
Jewelry	-	5	1	1	-	7	9	6
Coal and Wood	-	4	-	-	-	4	7	2
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	-
Miscellaneous	1	9	7	2	1	20	16	13
Total Trade	8	111	31	9	9	168	149	93
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	8	3	-	-	11	12	6
Drink and Tobacco	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Animal Foods	-	6	-	-	-	6	8	2
Fur and Leather	-	10	-	2	-	12	13	10
Pulp and Paper	-	6	-	-	-	6	5	2
Textiles	-	13	-	-	-	13	12	2
Clothing	-	7	1	-	-	8	5	5
Lumber and Manufactures	1	9	1	-	-	11	10	16
Iron and Steel	-	3	1	-	-	4	3	1
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	1
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Drug and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Miscellaneous	-	6	-	-	-	6	8	7
Total Manufactures	1	69	6	3	-	79	81	57
SERVICE								
Garage	1	10	2	-	1	14	11	14
Other custom and repair	-	9	1	-	-	10	17	9
Personal Service	-	8	-	-	2	10	16	7
Restaurants	-	16	2	-	2	20	21	8
Professional Service ...	-	10	1	-	-	11	6	7
Recreational Service ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1
Business Service	-	12	-	-	-	12	6	5
Total Service	1	66	6	-	5	78	89	51

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FIRST QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1951	1950	1949
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	2
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	4
Mining	-	1	1	1	-	3	4	1
Construction	-	29	8	-	2	39	26	21
Transportation and Public Utilities	1	7	1	-	-	9	8	16
Finance	-	5	-	-	-	5	5	4
Not Classified	2	5	5	1	-	13	14	21
Total Other	3	53	15	2	2	75	63	69
GRAND TOTAL	13	299	58	14	16	400	382	270

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, FIRST QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISON^x

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	British- Columbia	T o t a l	
						First Quarter, 1951	First Quarter, 1950
Trade	-	8	-	-	-	8	5
Manufactures	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
Service	-	20	-	-	-	20	15
Other	-	10	-	-	-	10	13
Total	-	42	-	-	-	42	33

x Data included in Tables 1,2,4 and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, FIRST QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	2	3	102	19	3	1	3	4	137
February	1	-	2	2	100	18	5	-	-	6	134
March	1	-	1	1	97	21	1	-	1	6	129
First Quarter, 1951	2	-	5	6	299	58	9	1	4	16	400
1950	..	-	3	5	308	45	-	-	4	17	382
1949	..	1	2	6	204	33	2	1	5	16	270

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	2	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	5	8,085	17,416
New Brunswick	6	21,649	53,814
Quebec	299	2,675,211	4,366,558
Ontario	58	1,093,135	1,494,014
Manitoba	9	110,554	128,707
Saskatchewan	1	17,053	24,291
Alberta	4	18,145	23,623
British Columbia	16	242,974	311,097
Comparative Total for the			
First Quarter - 1951	400	4,186,806	6,419,520
1950	382	4,040,543	6,307,156
1949	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947	120	954,602	1,431,807
1944	94	535,644	1,185,693
1939	371	2,614,428	3,592,118
1932	667	12,971,869	11,110,423
1929	646	8,076,661	13,143,000

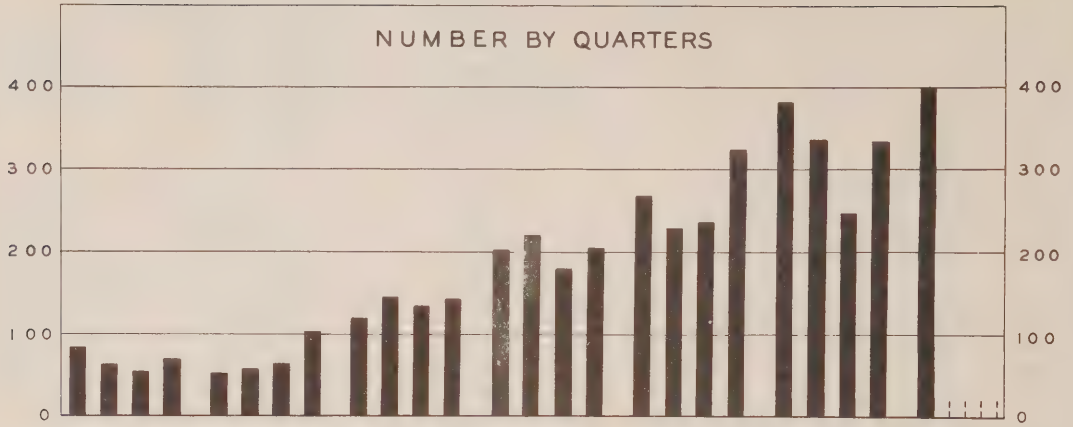
TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1950											
July	-	-	-	-	10	3	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	13	2	-	-	-	1	16
September	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1	7
October	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
November	-	-	-	-	18	1	1	-	-	-	20
December	-	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	-	1	15
1951											
January	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
February	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	21
March	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18

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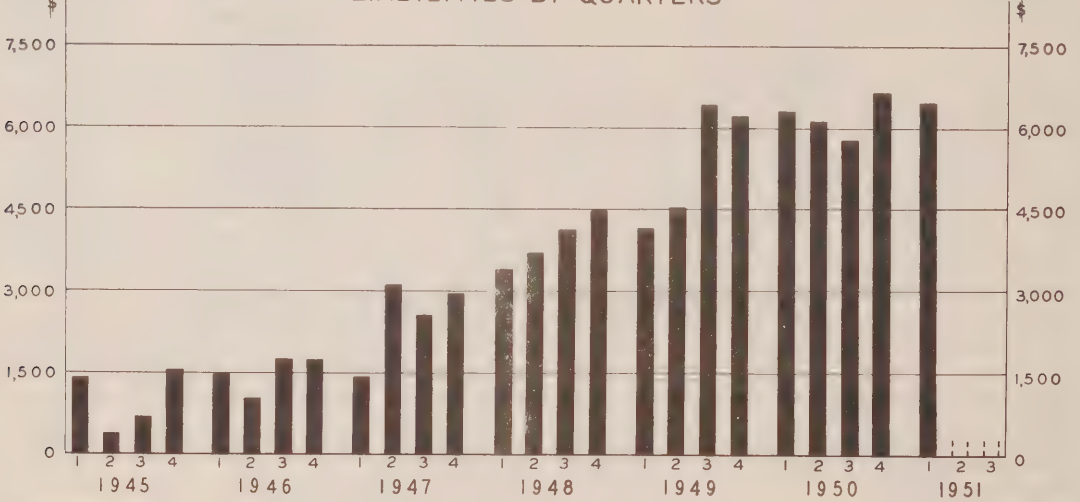
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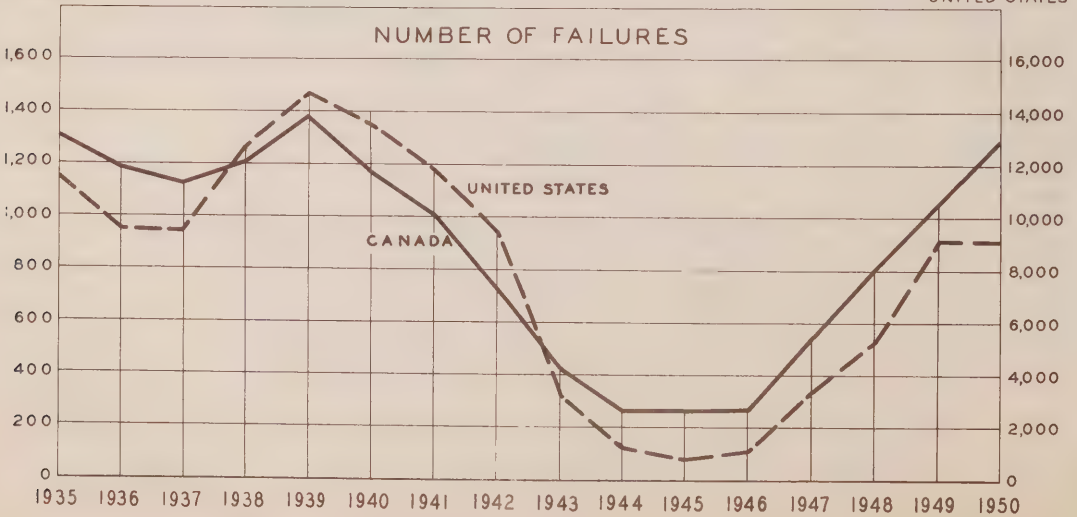
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The number of failures in Canada during the second quarter of 1951 was 318, representing a decline of 6 per cent from the total of 338 registered in the corresponding period last year. The estimated total of liabilities also dropped slightly, having stood at \$5,835 thousand compared with \$6,135 thousand in the second quarter of 1950.

During the first six months of 1951 commercial failures numbered 718, showing virtually no change from the 720 recorded in the same period of 1950. In the same comparison, liabilities totalled \$12,254 thousand against \$12,441 thousand, a decline of less than 2 per cent. The levels of both failures and liabilities in the first half of 1950 were higher than in any comparable period since 1934. The average liability this year stood at \$17,067 compared with \$17,279 in the corresponding period last year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data for the past 12 months are not comparable with preceding periods. Since July 1950, proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the statistics of bankruptcies. In table 6 of this report, however, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

There were fewer insolvencies in manufacturing and service businesses during the first six months of 1951 than in the same period last year. Failures of manufacturing enterprises numbered 137 compared with 148 in the first half of 1950, and bankruptcies in the services field declined from 146 to 139. In the same comparison, defaults of trading establishments rose more than 6 per cent to 303. There were 67 failures in construction compared with 51 last year.

Failures by Economic Areas

Bankruptcies in Quebec province declined nearly 7 per cent, from 566 to 529, in the six months comparison. As explained previously the 1951 figures do not include proposals, the bulk of which are registered in Quebec. In the first half, the total number of proposals was 102. Failures in Ontario rose 27 per cent to 108. Increases were also recorded in the Atlantic and Prairie regions, the number in the Atlantic Provinces having risen from 18 to 23 and in the Prairies from 17 to 24. Insolvencies in British Columbia remained unchanged at 34.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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Apr. ...	121	2,363	3	-	1	24	2	3	2
May	103	2,071	2	-	-	21	2	3	4
June ...	114	1,700	1	2	-	22	3	3	3
July (1)	78	2,029	1	-	-	15	2	1	3
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Oct. ...	111	2,172	4	-	-	24	4	4	4
Nov. ...	137	2,504	4	-	-	25	6	2	5
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Feb. ...	134	2,025	1	1	1	21	3	5	2
Mar. ...	129	2,112	2	-	-	25	4	3	3
Apr. ...	124	2,374	-	-	-	20	5	2	3
May	97	1,787	1	-	-	22	2	2	1
June ...	97	1,674	2	-	-	16	3	2	2
	Manufactures		Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified
	Iron and Steel	Con- struc- tion		Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing		
1949x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203
1950x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273
1950									
Jan. ...	-	9	1	47	5	6	8	1	33
Feb. ...	2	8	4	53	3	5	6	2	26
Mar. ...	1	9	3	49	2	7	9	2	30
Apr. ...	1	11	5	41	3	6	6	2	24
May	1	6	2	45	7	6	5	2	16
June ...	1	8	3	49	3	7	8	-	17
July ...	-	6	3	32	2	4	5	1	17
Aug. ...	-	10	2	23	2	2	5	2	21
Sept. ...	-	4	3	38	4	5	6	2	19
Oct. ...	2	9	7	36	4	3	1	2	23
Nov. ...	2	12	3	52	6	6	4	2	32
Dec. ...	2	5	4	37	4	3	4	2	15
1951									
Jan. ...	2	13	2	61	6	4	10	1	21
Feb. ...	1	10	3	55	4	4	6	1	36
Mar. ...	1	16	4	52	5	8	12	3	21
Apr. ...	1	10	5	56	6	7	6	1	27
May	3	7	4	42	5	5	6	-	14
June ...	-	11	2	37	6	5	4	3	20

x Annual totals

(1) As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

**TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1951, WITH COMPARISONS**

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1951	1950	1949
TRADE								
General Stores	2	12	2	1	-	17	13	8
Grocery	-	12	2	2	1	17	19	10
Confectionery	-	3	1	-	-	4	8	5
Drink and Tobacco	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	3
Fish and Meat	-	6	1	1	1	9	12	5
Boots and Shoes	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	5
Dry Goods	-	7	1	-	-	8	10	5
Clothing	-	12	3	-	1	16	19	10
Furniture	-	4	-	-	2	6	2	4
Books and Stationery ...	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	4
Automobile	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	1
Hardware	-	1	3	1	-	5	3	2
Electric Apparatus	-	3	-	-	1	4	2	5
Jewelry	-	7	2	1	-	10	6	2
Coal and Wood	1	5	2	-	-	8	3	4
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	1
Miscellaneous	-	13	5	1	2	21	23	9
Total Trade	3	95	22	7	8	135	135	83
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	6	2	1	1	10	7	6
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	-
Fur and Leather	-	5	1	-	-	6	9	8
Pulp and Paper	-	3	1	-	-	4	1	3
Textiles	-	3	-	-	-	3	6	3
Clothing	-	10	2	-	-	12	15	8
Lumber and Manufactures	-	5	1	-	-	6	9	10
Iron and Steel	-	3	1	-	-	4	3	3
Non-ferrous Metals	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	5
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	3	-	1	-	4	3	1
Drug and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Miscellaneous	-	3	-	-	-	3	12	5
Total Manufactures	-	46	9	2	1	58	67	54
SERVICE								
Garage	-	7	2	-	-	9	12	9
Other custom and repair	1	10	1	-	1	13	11	4
Personal Service	1	14	-	-	-	15	13	8
Restaurants	-	9	1	-	1	11	11	9
Professional Service ...	-	8	1	-	-	9	3	6
Recreational Service ...	-	1	1	-	-	2	2	3
Business Service	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	2
Total Service	2	51	6	-	2	61	57	41

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1951	1950	1949
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture	1	2	-	-	-	3	6	-
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Construction	2	14	9	1	2	28	25	19
Transportation and Public Utilities	1	6	1	-	3	11	10	7
Finance	-	4	-	-	-	4	4	6
Not Classified	1	12	3	-	2	18	31	15
Total Other	5	38	13	1	7	64	79	52
GRAND TOTAL	10	230	50	10	18	318	338	230

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, SECOND QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISON^x

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	British Columbia	Total	
						Second Quarter, 1951	Second Quarter, 1950
Trade	-	7	1	-	-	8	7
Manufactures	-	4	-	-	-	4	3
Service	-	12	1	-	-	13	14
Other	-	6	-	-	-	6	6
Total	-	29	2	-	-	31	30

x Data included in Table 1,2,4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, SECOND QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	2	3	102	19	3	1	3	4	137
February	1	-	2	2	100	18	5	-	-	6	134
March	1	-	1	1	97	21	1	-	1	6	129
April	-	-	2	2	92	17	-	1	-	10	124
May	1	-	-	2	76	11	-	3	-	4	97
June	1	-	-	2	62	22	1	-	5	4	97
Six Months Total, 1951	4	-	7	12	529	108	10	5	9	34	718
Six Months Total, 1950	-	1	9	8	566	85	7	1	9	34	720
Six Months Total, 1949	-	2	2	7	380	59	7	2	8	33	500

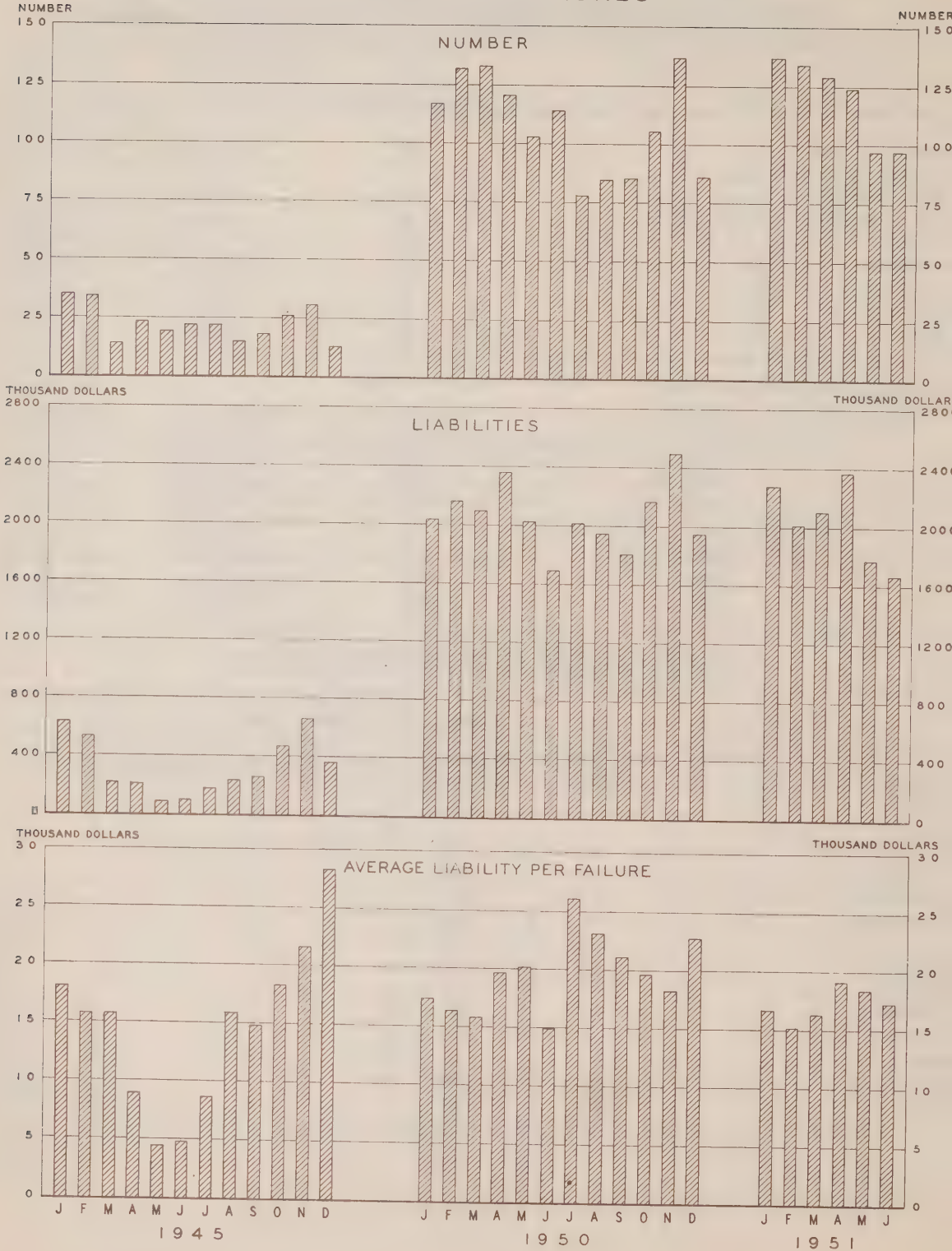
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
Newfoundland	2	\$ 40,938	\$ 33,194
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	2	29,510	47,899
New Brunswick	6	41,900	66,963
Quebec	230	2,775,044	3,673,486
Ontario	50	1,269,812	1,563,235
Manitoba	1	3,783	11,026
Saskatchewan	4	26,139	38,021
Alberta	5	23,972	47,659
British Columbia	18	183,202	353,646
Comparative Total for the			
Second Quarter - 1951	318	4,394,300	5,835,129
1950	338	4,529,106	6,135,180
1949	230	3,661,513	4,529,840
1948	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1947	146	1,887,252	3,101,753
1944	61	400,925	756,584
1939	346	2,788,143	4,189,660
1932	573	11,596,713	16,108,434
1929	507	7,534,078	7,882,774

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
<u>1950</u>											
July	-	-	-	-	10	3	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	13	2	-	-	-	1	16
September ...	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1	7
October	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
November	-	-	-	-	18	1	1	-	-	-	20
December	-	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	-	1	15
<u>1951</u>											
January	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
February	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	21
March	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
April	-	-	1	-	9	3	-	-	-	-	13
May	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
June	-	-	2	-	18	1	-	-	-	2	23

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTSTHIRD QUARTER 1951

During the third quarter of 1951 failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts numbered 312 as compared with 248 during the same period of 1950, an increase of nearly 26 per cent. The estimated total of liabilities was \$6,341 thousand, or more than 9 per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year.

Failures during the first nine months totalled 1,030, representing a gain of more than 6 per cent over the 968 recorded in 1950. In the same comparison total liabilities were \$18,595 thousand against \$18,239 thousand last year. The average liability of bankrupt firms in the nine-month period amounted to \$18,053, somewhat lower than the average of \$18,842 during the first nine months of 1950.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data for the past 15 months are not comparable with preceding periods. Since July 1950, proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the statistics of bankruptcies. In table 6 of this report, however, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

During the first nine months of 1951, there were 435 insolvencies of trading establishments as compared with 377 in the same period of 1950, an advance of over 15 per cent. Failures in the construction field rose from 71 to 94 in the same comparison. Defaults of manufacturing enterprises totalled 193, exactly the same number as last year. Failures of service businesses fell off from 203 during the first nine months of 1950 to 193.

Failures by Economic Areas

Bankruptcies in the province of Quebec increased nearly 4 per cent, from 735 to 763, in the nine months' comparison, despite the fact that the 1951 figures do not include proposals, the bulk of which are registered in Quebec. The number of failures in Ontario rose 19 per cent, from 132 to 157. Bankruptcies in the Prairie region advanced from 23 to 33, and in the Atlantic Provinces from 30 to 34. By contrast, insolvencies in British Columbia declined from 48 to 43.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1950 and 1951

	Number	Total	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures				
		Liabilities				Total	Vegetable	Fur and	Lumber	
		in Thousand Dollars					Foods	Leather	& Manu- factures	
1949x	1,066	21,356	8	10	10	232	31	34	46	
1950x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36	
1950										
Apr. ...	121	2,363	3	-	1	24	2	3	2	
May	103	2,071	2	-	-	21	2	3	4	
June ...	114	1,700	1	2	-	22	3	3	3	
July (1)	78	2,029	1	-	-	15	2	1	3	
Aug. ...	84	1,956	1	-	-	19	3	1	3	
Sept. ...	86	1,813	3	-	-	11	1	1	1	
Oct. ...	111	2,172	4	-	-	24	4	4	4	
Nov. ...	137	2,504	4	-	-	25	6	2	5	
Dec. ...	86	1,957	1	3	-	15	3	2	1	
1951										
Jan. ...	137	2,282	-	2	2	33	4	4	6	
Feb. ...	134	2,025	1	1	1	21	3	5	2	
Mar. ...	129	2,112	2	-	-	25	4	3	3	
Apr. ...	124	2,374	-	-	-	20	5	2	3	
May	97	1,787	1	-	-	22	2	2	1	
June ...	97	1,674	2	-	-	16	3	2	2	
July ...	105	2,401	1	-	-	16	1	2	4	
Aug. ...	119	2,293	1	1	-	22	3	1	5	
Sept. ...	88	1,647	1	-	-	18	1	2	2	
	Manufactures	Con-	Trans-	Trade-			Fin-	Ser-	Not	
	Iron and	struc-	porta-	Total	General	Grocery	Clothing	ance	vice	Class-
	Steel	tion	tion	Stores						ified
1949x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203	70
1950x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1950										
Apr. ..	1	11	5	41	3	6	6	2	24	10
May	1	6	2	45	7	6	5	2	16	9
June ...	1	8	3	49	3	7	8	-	17	12
July ..	-	6	3	32	2	4	5	1	17	3
Aug. ...	-	10	2	23	2	2	5	2	21	6
Sept. ...	-	4	3	38	4	5	6	2	19	6
Oct. ...	2	9	7	36	4	3	1	2	23	6
Nov. ...	2	12	3	52	6	6	4	2	32	7
Dec. ...	2	5	4	37	4	3	4	2	15	4
1951										
Jan. ...	2	13	2	61	6	4	10	1	21	2
Feb. ...	1	10	3	55	4	4	6	1	36	5
Mar. ...	1	16	4	52	5	8	12	3	21	6
Apr. ...	1	10	5	56	6	7	6	1	27	5
May ...	3	7	4	42	5	5	6	-	14	7
June ...	-	11	2	37	6	5	4	3	20	6
July ...	1	9	6	50	6	12	8	1	18	4
Aug. ...	1	12	2	53	3	4	6	1	19	8
Sept. ...	1	6	2	29	3	5	4	4	17	11

x Annual totals

(1) As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1951	1950	1949
TRADE								
General Stores	-	9	1	1	1	12	8	11
Grocery	1	15	4	1	-	21	11	11
Confectionery	-	5	-	-	-	5	8	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-
Fish and Meat	2	12	1	-	-	15	8	8
Hats and Shoes	-	5	-	-	-	5	1	4
Dry Goods	-	3	-	-	-	3	3	1
Clothing	-	14	2	1	-	17	16	9
Furniture	-	4	-	1	1	6	4	2
Books and Stationery ..	-	5	-	-	-	5	1	1
Automobile	-	4	-	-	-	4	2	2
Hardware	-	4	-	-	-	4	3	2
Electric Apparatus	1	4	-	-	-	5	3	7
Jewelry	-	4	1	-	-	5	1	3
Coal and Wood	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	1
Rugs and Chemicals ...	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	1
Miscellaneous	1	10	6	1	-	18	20	24
Total Trade	5	104	16	5	2	132	93	89
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	5	-	-	-	5	6	9
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Leather and Fur	-	3	2	-	-	5	3	5
Pulp and Paper	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	2
Textiles	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	1
Clothing	-	8	2	-	-	10	7	5
Wood and Manufactures ..	2	9	-	-	-	11	7	6
Iron and Steel	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	6
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	3
Rugs and Chemicals ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
Miscellaneous	-	12	2	-	-	14	9	6
Total Manufactures	4	44	7	1	-	56	45	44
SERVICE								
Garage	-	6	-	1	-	7	10	11
Other custom and repair ..	-	7	1	-	-	8	8	8
Personal Service	-	8	2	1	-	11	12	16
Restaurants	-	12	3	1	-	16	13	8
Professional Service ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	6	2
Recreational Service ..	-	3	-	-	1	4	2	1
Business Service	-	4	2	-	1	7	6	2
Total Service	-	41	8	3	2	54	57	48

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE THIRD QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded-

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1951	1950	1949
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	2	1	-	-	3	5	3
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	17	8	-	2	27	20	25
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	8	2	-	-	10	8	7
Finance	-	3	1	-	2	6	5	6
Not Classified	2	14	6	-	1	23	15	17
Total Other	2	45	18	-	5	70	53	58
GRAND TOTAL	11	234	49	9	9	312	248	239

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, THIRD QUARTER, 1951, WITH COMPARISON^x

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	British- Columbia	T o t a l Third Third Quarter, 1951-Quarter, 1950	
Trade	-	8	1	-	-	9	3
Manufactures ..	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
Service	-	12	-	-	-	12	10
Other	-	10	-	-	-	10	13
Total	-	34	1	-	-	35	26

x Data included in Tables 1,2,4 and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, NINE MONTHS, 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	2	3	102	19	3	1	3	4	137
February	1	-	2	2	100	18	5	-	-	6	134
March	1	-	1	1	97	21	1	-	1	6	129
April	-	-	2	2	92	17	-	1	-	10	124
May	1	-	-	2	76	11	-	3	-	4	97
June	1	-	-	2	62	22	1	-	5	4	97
July	-	-	-	2	84	15	-	4	-	-	105
August	-	-	2	-	95	16	1	-	1	4	119
September	1	1	2	3	55	18	-	1	2	5	88
Nine Months' Total											
1951	5	1	11	17	763	157	11	10	12	43	1,030
1950	-	4	12	14	735	132	10	4	9	48	968
1949	-	2	2	8	571	89	11	3	9	44	739

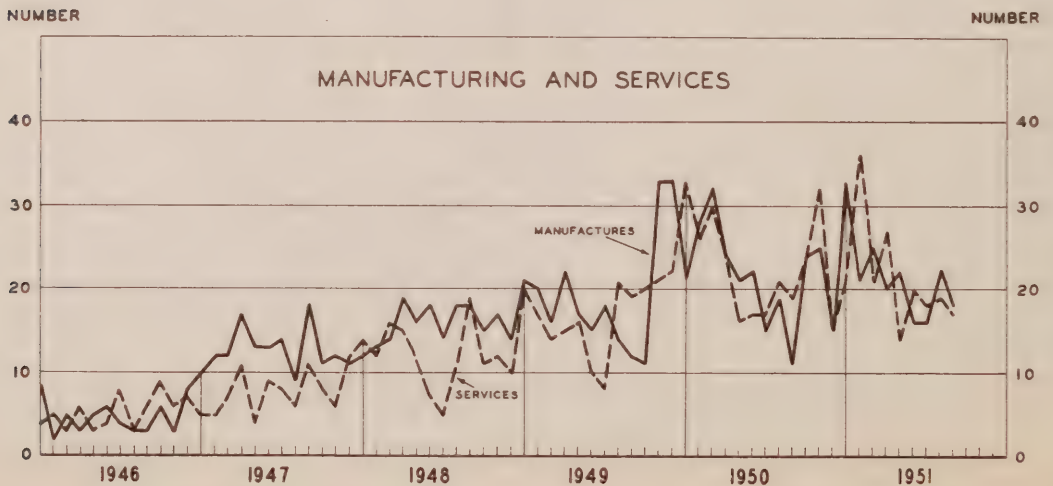
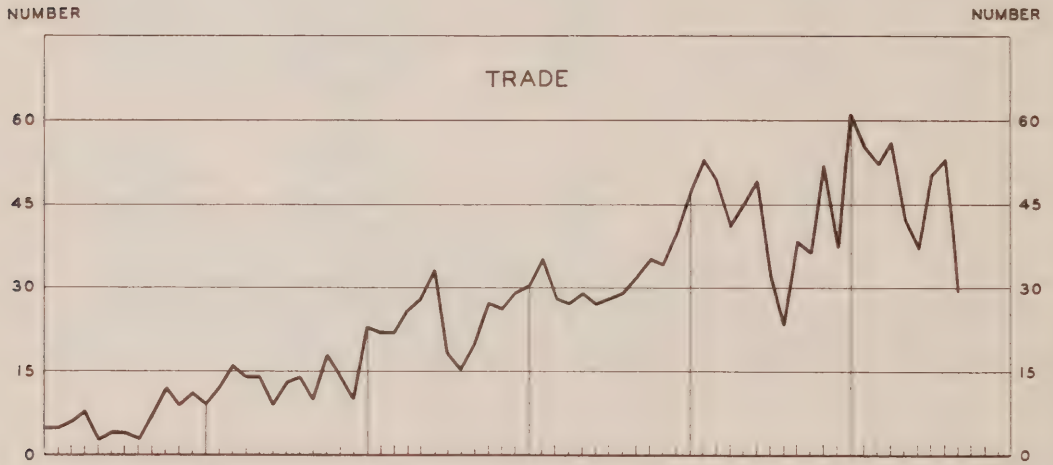
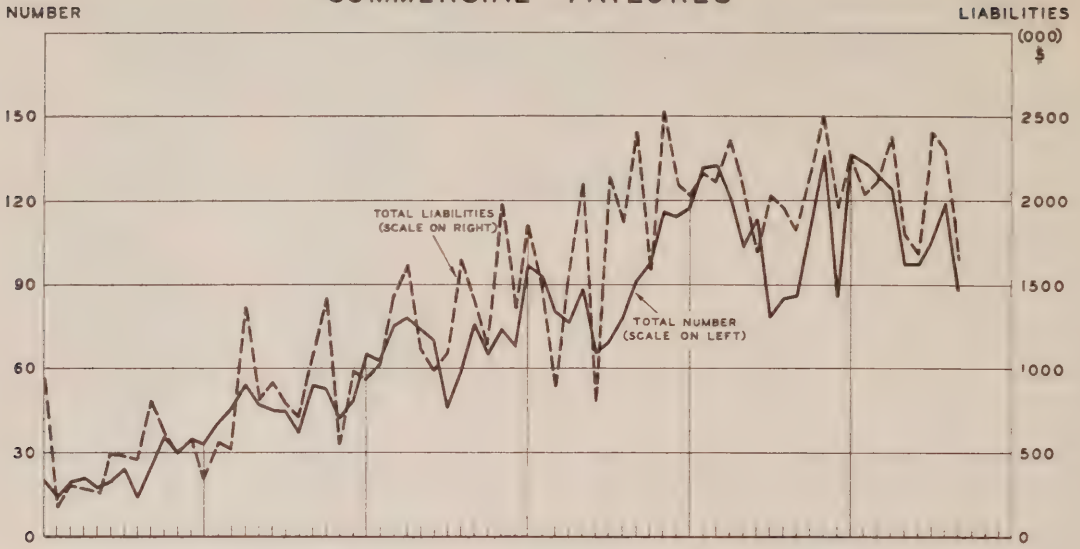
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	1	6,177	65,099
Prince Edward Island	1	30,050	34,236
Nova Scotia	4	110,744	83,718
New Brunswick	5	98,789	134,320
Quebec	234	2,906,297	4,379,581
Ontario	49	1,006,144	1,137,055
Manitoba	1	82,346	144,468
Saskatchewan	5	35,337	62,965
Alberta	3	3,318	9,653
British Columbia	9	189,690	289,884
Comparative Total for the			
Third Quarter - 1951	312	4,468,892	6,340,979
1950	248	4,399,938	5,798,161
1949	239	5,150,543	6,418,224
1948	181	2,582,402	4,139,130
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1944	57	373,165	797,283
1939	343	3,206,118	3,789,520
1932	556	6,841,455	8,791,501
1929	437	7,066,742	9,315,961

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1950											
July	-	-	-	-	10	3	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	13	2	-	-	-	1	16
September	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	7
October	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
November	-	-	-	-	18	1	1	-	-	-	20
December	-	-	-	-	1	13	-	-	-	1	15
1951											
January	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
February	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	21
March	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
April	-	-	1	-	9	3	-	-	-	-	13
May	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
June	-	-	2	-	18	1	-	-	-	2	23
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	-	16
September	-	-	-	-	1	14	-	-	-	1	16

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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR, 1951

During 1951, the number of failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was greater than in any other year since 1934. The annual total rose to 1,394, compared with 1,303 in 1950, an increase of over 7 percent. The estimated total of liabilities was \$5,912,000, about 4 percent greater than in the preceding year. Following the low levels of the war period, the number of bankruptcies has increased steadily since 1946, but is still well below that of the period prior to 1934. Defaulted liabilities have followed a similar trend. The average amount of liabilities per failure showed a moderate decline from the preceding year and, except for 1947, is the lowest of any postwar year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data for the past 18 months are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies. In some of the tables, however, the numbers are shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries.

The greatest number of failures usually occurs in the trade sector. During 1951, insolvencies of trading establishments numbered 570, compared with 502 in the preceding year. Bankruptcies of grocery and general stores totalled 121, an increase of 16 over 1950. Failures of clothing stores rose from 67 to 75. In manufacturing, 269 insolvencies were recorded compared with 257 in 1950. Defaults of service establishments numbered 255, a decline of 18 from the preceding year. Failures in construction rose sharply from 97 in 1950 to 126 in 1951, a gain of 30 percent.

Failures by Economic Areas.

Bankruptcies in Quebec increased nearly 6 percent over the preceding year despite the fact that the 1951 figures do not include proposals, the bulk of which are registered in Quebec. The number of failures in Ontario rose to 227 from 186 in 1950, an advance of over 22 percent. Insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces remained practically unchanged while defaults in the Atlantic region declined from 43 to 44. In British Columbia, the number of bankruptcies rose to 64, a gain of 5 percent.

Insolvency.

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1951

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114	78	85	86	111	137	86	1,303
1951	136	134	132	124	97	100	107	118	87	129	142	93	1,399
Proposals													
1950							13	16	7	8	20	15	79
1951	12	21	18	12	15	22	13	16	18	21	5	3	176

TABLE 2. - DEFAULTED LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1951
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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(=	15,045	=)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,245	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	1,936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700	2,029	1,956	1,813	2,172	2,504	1,957	24,872
1951	2,323	2,097	2,268	2,346	1,784	1,666	2,398	2,409	1,662	2,380	3,154	1,425	25,912

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1951

Year	New- found- land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923		16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924		3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925		4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926		4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927		4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928		4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929		1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930		3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931		7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932		9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933		10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934		8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935		4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936		6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937		-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938		4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939		3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940		3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941		4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942		2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943		-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944		-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945		1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946		1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947		2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948		1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
1949		3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066
1950	3	8	17	20	967	186	16	9	16	61	1,303
1951	5	3	12	24	1,022	227	15	13	14	64	1,399

TABLE 4. DEFAULTED LIABILITIES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1951
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Year	New- found-land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154	
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,220	32,291	
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555	
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455	
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,748	
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164	
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,501	52,553	
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629	
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954	
1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,012	23,598	
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567	
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145	
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	215	14,511	
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017	
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089	
1940	4	275	82	4,977	3,573	243	229	445	1,038	10,663	
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	257	9,134	
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019	
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340	
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044	
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995	
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967	
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	724	10,078	
1948	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724	
1949	60	29	100	12,842	5,222	549	364	204	1,985	21,356	
1950	22	135	851	203	16,065	4,700	386	137	604	1,769	24,872
1951	168	61	301	417	15,958	5,919	329	155	245	2,353	25,912

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	THE FOURTH QUARTER						THE YEAR							
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter 1951 1950		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total 1951 1950	
TRADE														
General Stores.....	1	9	2	-	-	12	14	5	39	8	2	2	56	45
Grocery	1	8	2	-	-	11	12	4	45	11	3	2	65	60
Confectionery	-	5	-	-	-	5	8	-	21	3	1	2	27	30
Drink and Tobacco ...	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	-	7	3	-	-	10	4
Fish and Meat	-	8	-	1	-	9	9	2	37	2	2	1	44	44
Boots and Shoes	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	-	15	1	-	-	16	19
Dry Goods	-	6	1	-	-	7	8	-	22	2	-	-	24	32
Clothing	-	9	4	-	1	14	9	-	54	13	4	4	75	67
Furniture	-	4	-	-	1	5	7	-	20	3	1	4	28	17
Books and Stationery ..	-	5	-	1	-	6	9	-	17	2	1	-	20	15
Automobile	1	3	1	-	-	5	3	1	11	3	1	-	16	11
Hardware	-	5	2	-	-	7	-	3	11	6	2	1	23	11
Electric Apparatus ..	3	6	1	-	-	10	5	4	20	2	-	1	27	15
Jewelry	-	2	3	-	-	5	3	-	18	7	2	-	27	19
Coal and Wood	-	6	-	-	-	6	5	1	18	2	-	-	21	17
Drugs and Chemicals..	-	2	-	-	1	3	4	-	6	-	-	2	8	14
Miscellaneous	3	10	10	1	-	24	23	5	42	28	5	3	83	82
Total Trade	9	93	27	3	3	135	125	25	403	96	24	22	570	502
MANUFACTURES														
Vegetable Foods	-	7	2	-	-	9	13	-	26	7	1	1	35	38
Drink and Tobacco ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Animal Foods	-	5	1	-	2	8	3	1	13	2	-	2	18	15
Fur and Leather	-	7	1	-	-	8	8	-	25	4	2	-	31	33
Pulp and Paper	-	2	2	-	-	4	-	-	13	3	-	-	16	10
Textiles	-	7	-	-	1	8	5	-	25	-	-	1	26	27
Clothing	-	8	1	-	-	9	5	-	33	6	-	-	39	32
Lumber & Manufactures	-	5	5	-	3	13	10	3	28	7	-	3	41	36
Iron and Steel	-	4	-	1	-	5	6	1	12	2	1	-	16	12
Non-ferrous Metals ..	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	1	-	5	4
Non-metallic Minerals	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	2	-	7	5
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	4
Miscellaneous	-	5	3	-	-	8	12	-	26	5	-	-	31	41
Total Manufactures ...	-	54	15	1	6	76	64	5	213	37	7	7	269	257
SERVICE														
Garage	1	9	1	-	-	11	10	2	31	5	1	1	40	43
Other custom & repair	-	8	4	-	-	12	12	1	34	7	-	1	43	48
Personal Service	-	10	-	-	-	10	16	1	40	2	1	2	46	67
Restaurants	-	9	1	-	3	13	16	-	46	7	1	6	60	61
Professional Service	-	6	-	-	1	7	8	-	25	2	-	1	28	23
Recreational Service	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	-	8	1	-	1	10	8
Business Service ...	-	6	1	-	-	7	6	-	24	3	-	1	28	23
Total Service	1	51	7	-	4	63	70	4	208	27	3	13	255	273

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR

THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1951, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	THE FOURTH QUARTER						THE YEAR					
	Atlantic	Que.	Ont.	Prai-	B.C.	Total for	Atlantic	Que.	Ont.	Prai-	B.C.	Total
	Provinces			ries		4th quarter 1951 1950	Provinces			ries		1951 1950
<u>OTHER</u>												
Agriculture	-	5	3	1	-	9 9	2	13	4	1	-	20 24
Mining	-	4	-	-	1	5 -	-	5	1	1	1	8 5
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	3	-	-	1	4 3	-	7	-	-	1	8 7
Construction	1	19	8	3	1	32 26	3	79	33	4	7	126 97
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	7	1	-	2	10 14	2	28	7	-	5	42 40
Finance	-	7	1	-	-	8 6	-	19	4	-	4	27 20
Total Other	1	45	13	4	5	68 58	7	151	49	6	18	231 193
Not Classified	-	16	4	1	1	22 17	3	47	18	2	4	74 78
GRAND TOTAL	11	259	66	9	19	364 334	44	1,022	227	42	64	1,399 1,303

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1950 and 1951

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur and Leather	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
<u>1950</u>									
January	47	5	6	8	21	3	5	-	3
February	53	3	5	6	28	4	4	2	4
March	49	2	7	9	32	3	4	1	5
April	41	3	6	6	24	2	3	1	2
May	45	7	6	5	21	4	3	1	2
June	49	3	7	8	22	3	3	1	3
July	32	2	4	5	15	3	1	-	2
August	23	2	2	5	19	3	1	-	3
September	38	4	5	6	11	1	1	-	1
October	36	4	3	1	24	4	4	2	4
November	52	6	6	4	25	5	2	2	6
December	37	4	3	4	15	1	2	2	3
<u>1951</u>									
January	61	6	4	10	33	6	4	2	4
February	55	4	4	6	21	2	5	1	3
March	52	5	8	12	25	3	3	1	4
April	56	6	7	6	20	3	2	1	5
May	42	5	5	6	22	1	2	3	2
June	37	6	5	4	16	2	2	-	3
July	50	6	12	7	16	4	2	1	1
August	53	3	4	6	22	5	1	1	3
September	29	3	5	4	18	2	2	1	1
October	46	3	4	5	27	8	2	1	4
November	53	4	4	7	31	3	5	3	2
December	36	5	3	2	18	2	1	1	3

TABLE 6. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS,

1950 and 1951 (Concluded)

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
1950									
January	-	1	1	9	1	1	33	3	117
February	3	-	1	8	4	2	26	7	132
March	1	1	2	9	3	2	30	4	133
April	3	-	1	11	5	2	24	10	121
May	2	-	-	6	2	2	16	9	103
June	1	2	-	8	3	-	17	12	114
July	1	-	-	6	3	1	17	3	78
August	1	-	-	10	2	2	21	7	85
September	3	-	-	4	3	2	19	6	86
October	4	-	-	9	7	2	23	6	111
November	4	-	-	12	3	2	32	7	137
December	1	3	-	5	4	2	15	4	86
1951									
January	-	2	2	13	2	1	20	2	136
February	1	1	1	10	3	1	36	5	134
March	2	-	-	16	5	4	21	7	132
April	-	-	-	10	5	1	27	5	124
May	1	-	-	7	4	-	14	7	97
June	3	-	-	11	3	4	20	6	100
July	2	-	-	9	6	3	18	3	107
August	1	1	-	12	2	1	19	7	118
September	1	-	-	6	2	4	17	10	87
October	2	3	1	14	4	3	24	5	129
November	4	1	2	9	4	3	25	10	142
December	3	-	2	9	2	2	14	7	93

TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1951

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	2	3	102	19	3	1	2	4	136
February	1	-	2	2	100	18	5	-	-	6	134
March	1	-	1	1	97	25	1	-	1	5	132
April	-	-	2	2	92	17	-	1	-	10	124
May	1	-	-	2	76	11	-	3	-	4	97
June	1	-	-	2	62	22	1	1	5	6	100
July	-	-	-	2	84	15	-	5	-	1	107
August	-	-	2	-	95	16	1	-	-	4	118
September	1	1	1	3	55	18	-	1	2	5	87
October	-	-	-	2	95	20	2	-	2	8	129
November	-	2	1	3	95	28	1	1	1	10	142
December	-	-	1	2	69	18	1	-	1	1	93

TABLE 8. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 1951, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	2	15,976	26,771
Nova Scotia	2	22,166	26,544
New Brunswick	7	71,743	97,405
Quebec	259	2,740,850	3,534,246
Ontario	66	1,074,624	1,577,879
Manitoba	4	45,148	46,190
Saskatchewan	1	13,661	22,073
Alberta	4	128,760	129,029
British Columbia	19	864,737	1,498,231
Comparative Total for the			
Fourth Quarter - 1951	364	4,977,665	6,958,368
1950	334	4,199,296	6,632,430
1949	327	4,277,036	6,211,948
1948	207	3,256,385	4,461,278

TABLE 9. - WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, BY QUARTERS, 1951 WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	British- Columbia	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Total Second Quarter	First Quarter
Trade	1	9	1	-	1	12	9	8	8
Manufactures	-	6	2	-	-	8	4	4	4
Service	1	15	2	-	1	19	12	13	20
Other	-	13	3	-	-	16	10	6	10
Fourth Quarter									
1951	2	43	8	-	2	55	35	31	42
The Year 1951	2	148	11	-	2				
The Year 1950	-	121	9	-	2				
The Year 1949	2	118	2	-	2				

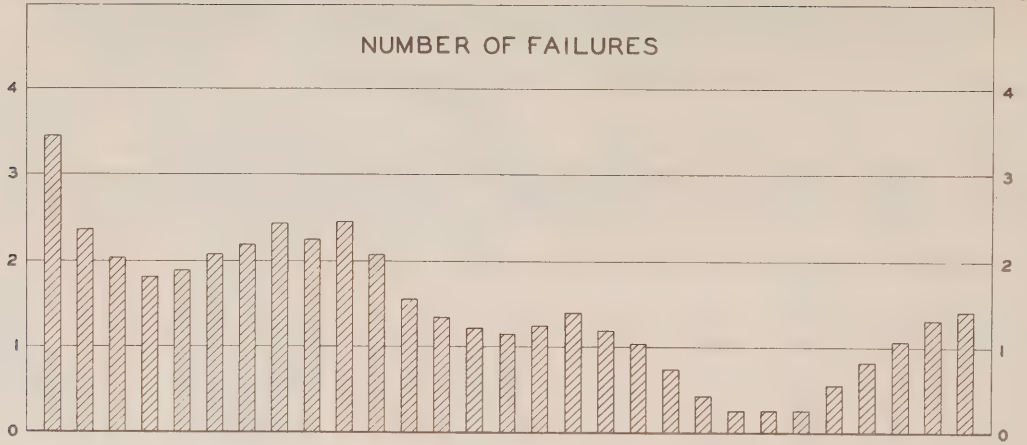
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	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
February	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	21
March	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
April	-	-	1	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	12
May	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
June	-	-	-	2	18	-	-	-	-	2	22
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	-	16
September	-	-	-	1	14	2	-	-	-	1	18
October	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
November	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
December ...	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3

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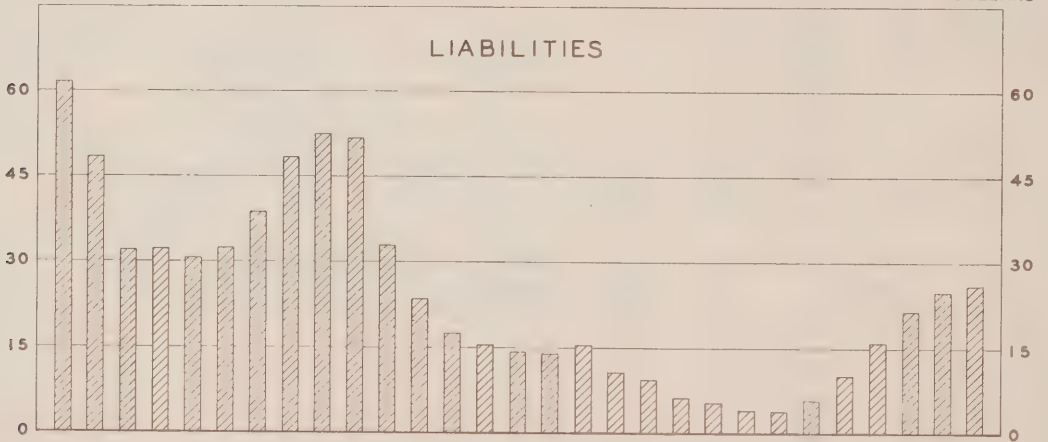
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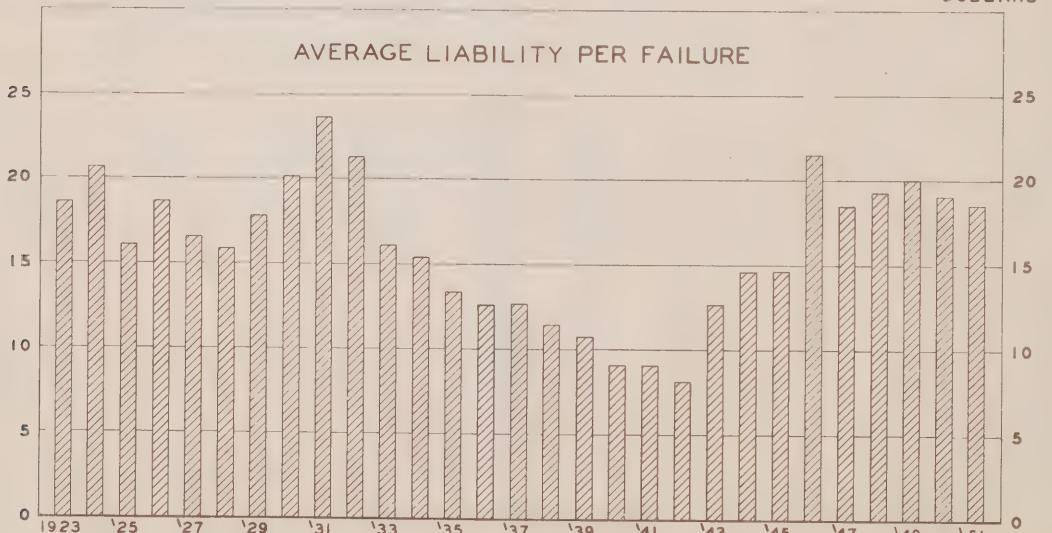
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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTSFIRST QUARTER, 1952

During the first quarter of 1952, the number of failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 404, only slightly above the 402 registered in the corresponding period last year. The data indicate a continuation, however, of the upward trend in the number of failures since the end of the last war. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$6.1 million as compared with \$6.7 million in the first quarter of 1951.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July, 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

During the first quarter of 1952, failures in the trade sector, where the greatest number of business mortalities usually occurs, totalled 167 compared with 168 in the same period last year. Bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments numbered 74, a decline of 5 from last year. Service insolvencies increased from 77 in the first quarter of 1951 to 85 in 1952. Failures in the construction field declined by 1/3 to 26 in the same comparison.

Failures by Economic Areas

Bankruptcies in the Province of Quebec remained practically unchanged in the first three months, while failures in Ontario rose to 66 from 62 in the first quarter last year. Insolvencies in the Atlantic Provinces advanced from 13 to 16 while in the Prairie Provinces they declined from 13 to 9. In British Columbia the number of failures remained unchanged at 15.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act, and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1951 and 1952

	Number	Total	Agric- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures				
		Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vegetable Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures	
1949 ^x	1,066	21,356	8	10	10	232	31	34	46	
1950 ^x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36	
1951 ^x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41	
1951										
Jan. ..	136	2,323	-	2	2	33	4	4	6	
Feb. ..	134	2,097	1	1	1	21	3	5	2	
Mar. ..	132	2,268	2	-	-	25	4	3	3	
Apr. ..	124	2,346	-	-	-	20	5	2	3	
May ...	97	1,784	1	-	-	22	2	2	1	
June ..	100	1,666	3	-	-	16	3	2	2	
July ..	107	2,398	2	-	-	16	1	2	4	
Aug. ..	118	2,409	1	1	-	22	3	1	5	
Sept. ..	87	1,662	1	-	-	18	1	2	2	
Oct. ..	129	2,380	2	3	1	27	4	2	8	
Nov. ..	142	3,154	4	1	2	31	2	5	3	
Dec. ..	93	1,425	3	-	2	18	3	1	2	
1952										
Jan. ..	143	2,346	6	-	2	27	4	2	6	
Feb. ..	137	2,089	4	-	1	24	1	4	4	
Mar. ..	124	1,672	2	-	-	23	2	5	2	
	Manufactures	Con-	Trans-	Trade			Fin-	Ser-	Not	
	Iron and	struc-	porta-	Total	General	Grocery	Clothing	ance	vice	Class-
	Steel	tion	tion		Stores	Stores	Stores			ified
1949 ^x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203	70
1950 ^x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1951 ^x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255	74
1951										
Jan. ..	2	13	2	61	6	4	10	1	20	2
Feb. ..	1	10	3	55	4	4	6	1	36	5
Mar. ..	1	16	5	52	5	8	12	4	21	7
Apr. ..	1	10	5	56	6	7	6	1	27	5
May ...	3	7	4	42	5	5	6	-	14	7
June ..	-	11	3	37	6	5	4	4	20	6
July ..	1	9	6	50	6	12	7	3	18	3
Aug. ..	1	12	2	53	3	4	6	1	19	7
Sept. ..	1	6	2	29	3	5	4	4	17	10
Oct. ..	1	14	4	46	3	4	5	3	24	5
Nov. ..	3	9	4	53	4	4	7	3	25	10
Dec. ..	1	9	2	36	5	3	2	2	14	7
1952										
Jan. ..	1	11	6	57	4	6	5	2	26	6
Feb. ..	1	9	5	52	5	5	6	4	34	4
Mar. ..	-	6	2	58	5	5	7	3	25	5

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

^x Annual totals

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1952	1951	1950
TRADE								
General Stores	2	11	-	-	1	14	15	10
Grocery	3	11	2	-	-	16	16	18
Confectionery	-	7	1	-	-	8	13	6
Drink and Tobacco	-	3	-	-	-	3	3	-
Fish and Meat	1	9	1	-	-	11	11	15
Boots and Shoes	-	4	-	-	-	4	6	11
Dry Goods	-	7	1	-	-	8	6	11
Clothing	1	10	6	1	-	18	28	23
Furniture	-	5	1	-	-	6	11	4
Books and Stationery ..	-	3	-	-	-	3	6	3
Automobile	-	7	3	1	2	13	5	3
Hardware	-	4	2	-	-	6	7	5
Electric Apparatus	-	12	2	-	-	14	8	5
Jewelry	-	3	1	-	-	4	7	9
Coal and Wood	-	5	2	-	-	7	4	7
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	6	-	-	1	7	2	3
Miscellaneous	2	16	7	-	-	25	20	16
Total Trade	9	123	29	2	4	167	168	149
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	1	4	1	1	-	7	11	12
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Animal Foods	-	3	1	-	-	4	6	8
Fur and Leather	-	8	1	2	-	11	12	13
Pulp and Paper	-	2	-	-	-	2	6	5
Textiles	-	5	-	-	-	5	13	12
Clothing	-	8	2	1	-	11	8	5
Lumber and Manufactures	1	9	2	-	-	12	11	10
Iron and Steel	-	1	-	-	1	2	4	3
Non-ferrous Metals	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	3
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	11	5	-	-	16	6	8
Total Manufactures	2	55	12	4	1	74	79	81
SERVICE								
Garage	1	12	-	-	3	16	14	11
Other custom and repair	-	11	2	-	1	14	9	17
Personal Service	-	16	2	-	1	19	10	26
Restaurants	1	10	1	2	1	15	20	21
Professional Service ..	-	7	-	-	-	7	11	6
Recreational Service ..	-	5	1	-	-	6	1	2
Business Service	-	7	1	-	-	8	12	6
Total Service	2	68	7	2	6	85	77	89

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FIRST QUARTER, 1952, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1952	1951	1950
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture	-	10	2	-	-	12	3	4
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Mining	1	1	-	-	1	3	3	4
Construction	1	16	8	1	-	26	39	26
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	10	2	-	1	13	10	8
Finance	-	7	1	-	1	9	6	5
Not Classified	1	8	5	-	1	15	14	14
Total Other	3	52	18	1	4	78	75	63
 GRAND TOTAL	16	298	66	9	15	404	402	382

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, FIRST QUARTER, 1952, WITH COMPARISON*

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	British Columbia	T o t a l	
						First Quarter, 1952	First Quarter, 1951
Trade 1	12	-	-	-	-	13	8
Manufactures -	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Service -	16	-	-	-	1	17	20
Other -	12	-	-	-	-	12	10
Total 1	44	-	-	-	1	46	42

* Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4 and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, FIRST QUARTER, 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	7	3	102	23	1	2	1	4	143
February	3	-	1	-	99	23	2	-	1	8	137
March	-	-	1	1	97	20	2	-	-	3	124
First Quarter 1952	3	-	9	4	298	66	5	2	2	15	404
1951	2	-	5	6	299	62	9	1	3	15	402
1950	-	-	3	5	308	45	-	-	4	17	382

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED

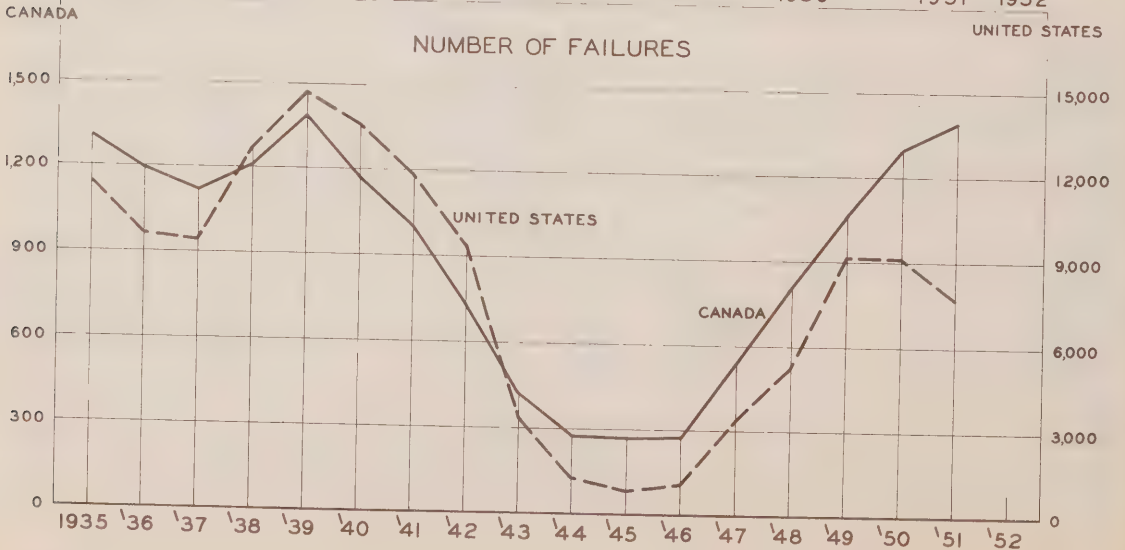
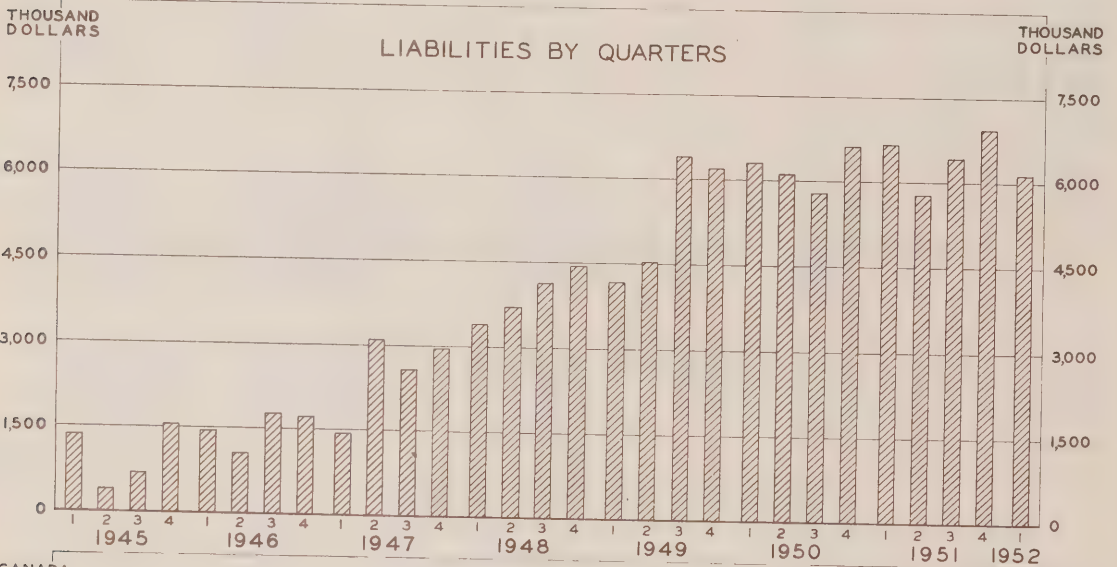
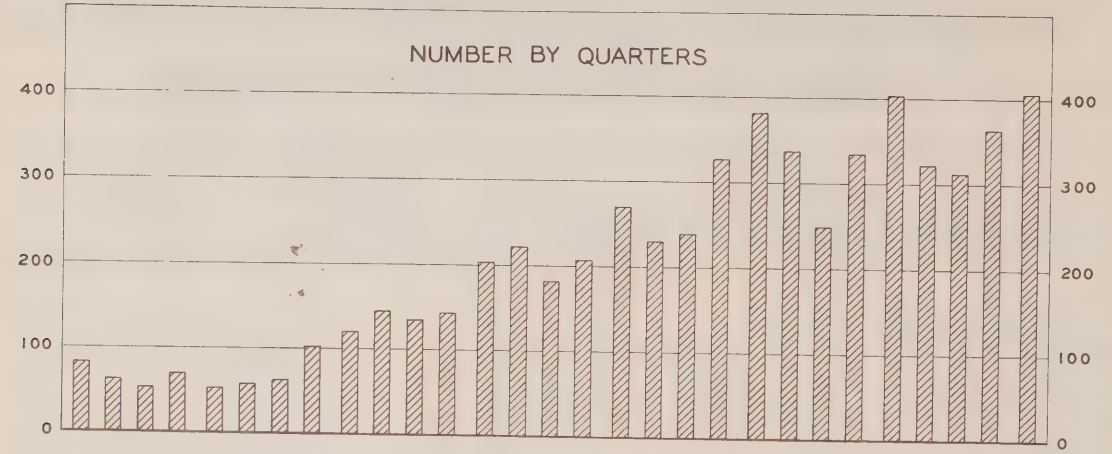
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	3	11,115	23,932
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	9	128,012	245,267
New Brunswick	4	11,615	15,469
Quebec	298	2,927,392	3,967,124
Ontario	66	763,521	1,381,056
Manitoba	5	95,962	137,918
Saskatchewan	2	16,068	13,301
Alberta	2	-	23,195
British Columbia	15	135,339	299,612
Comparative Total for the			
First Quarter - 1952	404	4,089,024	6,106,874
1951	402	4,269,893	6,688,412
1950,	382	4,040,543	6,307,156
1949	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947	120	954,602	1,431,807
1944	94	535,644	1,185,693
1939	371	2,614,428	3,592,118
1932	667	12,971,869	11,110,423
1929	646	8,076,661	13,143,000

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1951											
January	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
February	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	21
March	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
April	-	-	1	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	12
May	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
June	-	-	-	2	18	-	-	-	-	2	22
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	-	16
September	-	-	-	1	14	2	-	-	-	1	18
October	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
November	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
December	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
1952											
January	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
February	-	-	-	-	23	2	-	-	-	-	25
March	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	20

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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

SECOND QUARTER, 1952.

During the second quarter of 1952 failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts numbered 384 as compared with 321 in the corresponding period of 1951, an increase of nearly 20 percent. The estimated total of liabilities was \$7,335 thousand, or more than 26 percent higher, in the same comparison.

Failures during the first six months totalled 848, representing a gain of 17 percent over the 723 recorded in 1951. These figures reflect a continuation of the upward trend in the number of bankruptcies since the end of the last war. Total estimated liabilities in the six-month period were \$14,552 thousand as compared with \$12,484 thousand in the same period last year, an increase of 16 percent. The average liability per failure amounted to \$17,160 a little lower than the average of \$17,267 during the first six months of 1951.

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Failures by Industries

During the first six months of 1952 there were 334 insolvencies of trading establishments as compared with 303 in the same period of 1951, an advance of 10 percent. Failures in the construction field declined slightly in the same comparison. Defaults of manufacturing enterprises totalled 167 compared with 137 last year. Failures of service businesses rose from 138 during the first six months of 1951 to 149.

Failures by Economic Areas

Bankruptcies in the Province of Quebec increased 21 percent, from 529 to 641 in the six months comparison. The number of failures in Ontario rose from 112 to 128, a gain of 14 percent. Insolvencies in the Atlantic Provinces increased from 23 in 1951 to 29 this year. By contrast, bankruptcies in the Prairie Provinces declined from 24 to 16 while failures in British Columbia showed little change.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vegetable Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures
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1950 ^x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36
1951 ^x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41
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Apr. ..	124	2,346	-	-	-	20	5	2	3
May ..	97	1,784	1	-	-	22	2	2	1
June ..	100	1,666	3	-	-	16	3	2	2
July ..	107	2,398	2	-	-	16	1	2	4
Aug. ..	118	2,409	1	1	-	22	3	1	5
Sept. ..	87	1,662	1	-	-	18	1	2	2
Oct. ..	129	2,380	2	3	1	27	4	2	8
Nov. ..	142	3,154	4	1	2	31	2	5	3
Dec. ..	93	1,425	3	-	2	18	3	1	2
1952									
Jan. ..	153r	2,453r	6	-	2	29	4	2	6
Feb. ..	156r	2,761r	5	-	1	30	3	4	4
Mar. ..	155r	2,003r	3	-	-	29	2	5	2
Apr. ..	127	2,266	2	-	1	26	3	2	4
May ..	162	3,327	4	-	2	33	4	4	2
June ..	95	1,742	3	-	-	20	3	-	4

	Manufactures		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified
	Iron and Steel				Total Stores	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores		
1949 ^x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203	70
1950 ^x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1951 ^x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255	74
1951										
Apr. ..	1	10	5	56	6	7	6	1	27	5
May ..	3	7	4	42	5	5	6	-	14	7
June ..	-	11	3	37	6	5	4	4	20	6
July ..	1	9	6	50	6	12	7	3	18	3
Aug. ..	1	12	2	53	3	4	6	1	19	7
Sept ..	1	6	2	29	3	5	4	4	17	10
Oct. ..	1	14	4	46	3	4	5	3	24	5
Nov. ..	3	9	4	53	4	4	7	3	25	10
Dec. ..	1	9	2	36	5	3	2	2	14	7
1952										
Jan. ..	1	12	6	60	4	6	5	3	26	9
Feb. ..	1	9	5	59	5	5	6	4	34	9
Mar. ..	-	12	4	66	5	7	8	4	26	11
Apr. ..	3	11	3	46	6	4	3	2	23	13
May ..	4	14	4	61	6	4	8	4	25	15
June ..	2	7	1	42	3	7	4	4	15	3

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TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1952	1951	1950
TRADE								
General Stores	2	10	3	-	-	15	17	13
Grocery	1	9	4	1	-	15	17	19
Confectionery	-	7	-	-	-	7	4	8
Drink and Tobacco	-	6	1	-	-	7	2	-
Fish and Meat	1	8	1	-	-	10	9	12
Boots and Shoes	-	4	2	1	-	7	2	5
Dry Goods	-	7	-	-	-	7	8	10
Clothing	1	9	4	1	-	15	16	19
Furniture	1	6	-	-	-	7	6	2
Books and Stationery ..	-	5	1	-	-	6	3	2
Automobile	-	1	1	-	-	2	2	3
Hardware	-	4	-	-	-	4	5	3
Electric Apparatus	-	8	-	-	-	8	4	2
Jewelry	1	6	4	-	-	11	10	6
Coal and Wood	-	1	-	-	-	1	8	3
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5
Miscellaneous	1	15	5	2	3	26	21	23
Total Trade	8	106	26	5	4	149	135	135
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	9	-	1	-	10	10	7
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	4	-	-	-	4	3	2
Fur and Leather	-	6	-	-	-	6	6	9
Pulp and Paper	-	5	1	-	-	6	4	1
Textiles	-	7	1	-	-	8	3	6
Clothing	-	11	2	-	-	13	12	15
Lumber and Manufactures	-	7	2	-	-	9	6	9
Iron and Steel	-	7	2	-	-	9	4	3
Non-ferrous Metals	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	-
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	1	1	-	-	2	4	3
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	-	7	3	-	-	10	3	12
Total Manufactures	-	65	12	2	-	79	58	67
SERVICE								
Garage	-	10	-	-	-	10	9	12
Other custom and repair	-	12	-	-	-	12	13	11
Personal Service	-	11	1	-	2	14	15	13
Restaurants	-	12	1	-	1	14	11	11
Professional Service ..	-	4	-	-	-	4	9	3
Recreational Service ..	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	2
Business Service	-	6	1	-	-	7	2	5
Total Service	1	56	3	-	3	63	61	57

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE SECOND QUARTER, 1952, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter 1952 1951 1950		
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	9	-	-	-	9	4	6
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mining	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	1
Construction	2	19	9	-	2	32	28	25
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	7	1	-	-	8	12	10
Finance	-	6	2	-	2	10	5	4
Not Classified	2	20	5	-	4	31	18	31
Total Other	4	63	18	-	8	93	67	79
GRAND TOTAL	13	290	59	7	15	384	321	338

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, SECOND QUARTER, 1952, WITH COMPARISONS^x

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	British Columbia	T o t a l	
						Second Quarter, 1952	Second Quarter, 1951
Trade	-	14	1	-	-	15	9
Manufactures.	-	8	-	-	-	8	4
Service	-	16	-	-	-	16	13
Other	-	10	-	-	-	10	8
Total	-	48	1	-	-	49	34

^x Data included in Tables 1,2,4 and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, SIX MONTHS, 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	7	3	112	23	1	2	1	4	153
February	3	-	1	-	118	23	2	-	1	8	156
March	-	-	1	1	121	23	2	-	-	7	155
April	1	-	-	2	100	22	-	1	-	1	127
May	1	-	5	3	120	22	-	-	2	9	162
June	-	-	1	-	70	15	2	2	-	5	95
Six Months Total, 1952	5	-	15	9	641	128	7	5	4	34	848
Six Months Total, 1951	4	-	7	12	529	112	10	6	8	35	723
Six Months Total, 1950	-	1	9	8	566	85	7	1	9	34	720

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

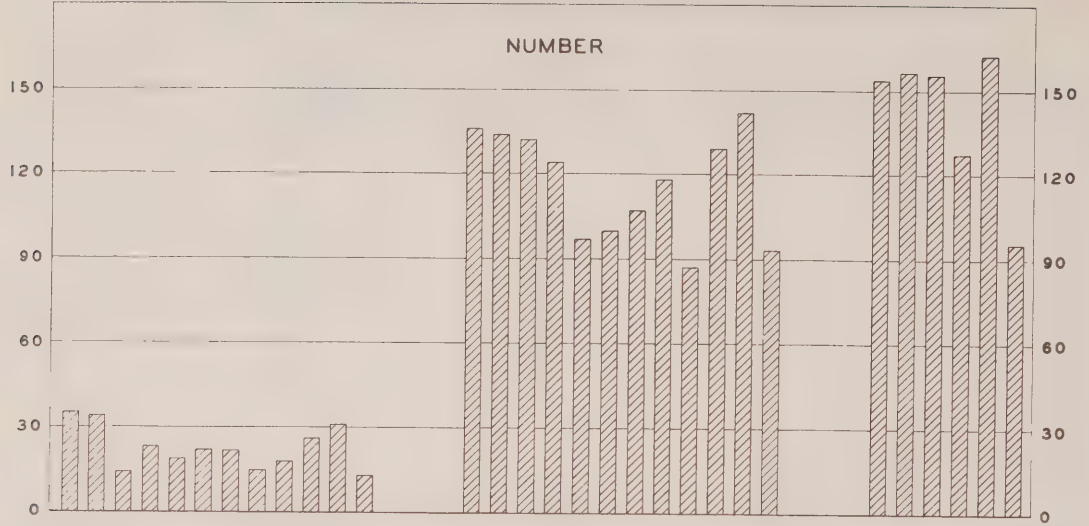
	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
Newfoundland	2	953	13,869
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	6	111,716	159,999
New Brunswick	5	23,373	43,473
Quebec	290	2,625,477	4,267,114
Ontario	59	1,452,943	2,526,672
Manitoba	2	67,144	47,368
Saskatchewan	3	13,085	20,161
Alberta	2	8,017	11,361
British Columbia	15	111,414	254,036
Comparative Total for the Second Quarter - 1952	384	4,414,122	7,335,053
1951.....	321	4,389,792	5,796,007
1950.....	338	4,529,106	6,135,180
1949.....	230	3,661,513	4,529,840
1948.....	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1947.....	146	1,887,252	3,101,753
1944.....	61	400,925	756,584
1939.....	346	2,788,143	4,189,660
1932.....	573	11,596,713	16,108,434
1929.....	507	7,534,078	7,882,774

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3.

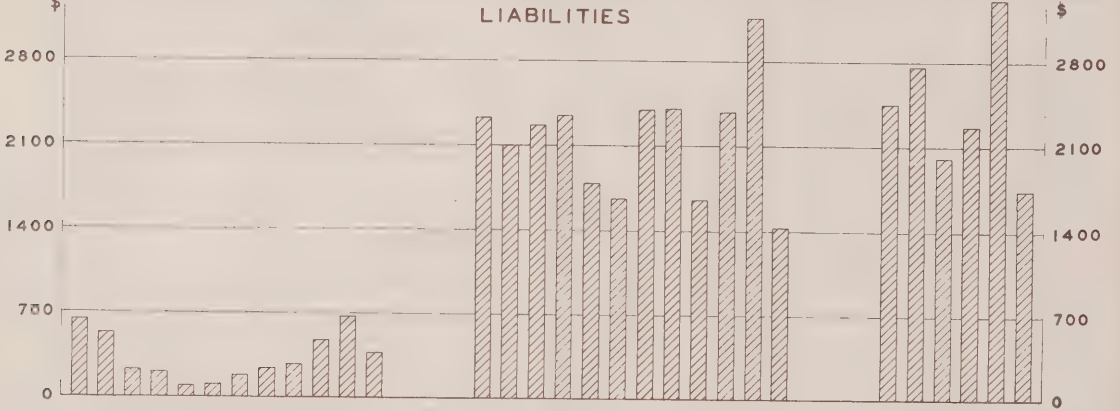
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1951											
Jan.	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
Feb.	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	1	21
Mar.	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
Apr.	-	-	1	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	12
May	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
June	-	-	-	2	18	-	-	-	-	2	22
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
Aug.	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	-	16
Sept.	-	-	-	1	14	2	-	-	-	1	18
Oct.	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
Nov.	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Dec.	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
1952											
Jan.	-	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
Feb.	-	-	-	-	25	2	-	-	-	-	27
Mar.	-	-	-	-	22	2	-	-	-	-	24
Apr.	-	-	-	-	11	3	-	-	-	-	14
May	-	-	-	1	15	2	-	-	-	-	18
June	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	10

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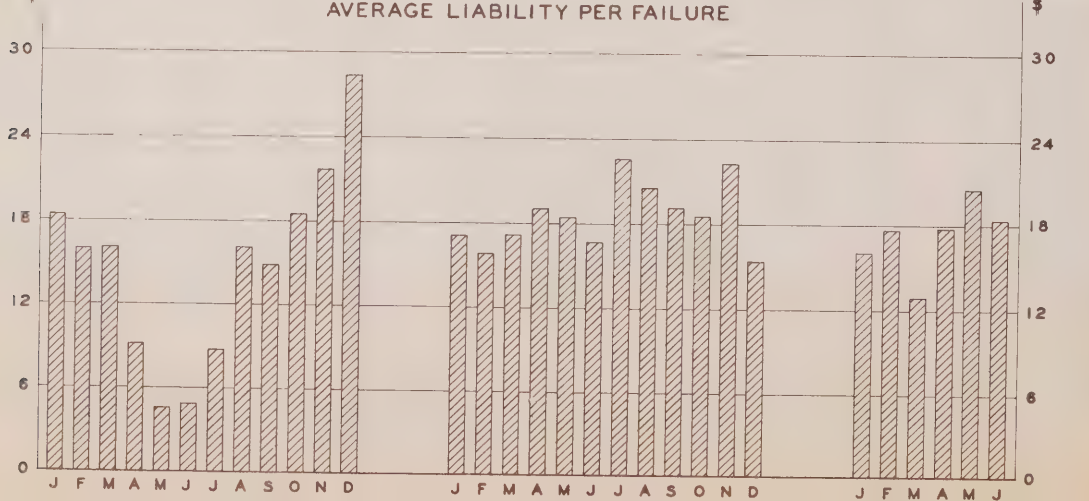
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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTSTHIRD QUARTER, 1952

During the third quarter of 1952, 305 failures were registered under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, 7 fewer than the 312 recorded for the corresponding period last year. The estimated total amount of liabilities was \$6,763 thousand, an increase of more than 4% over the third quarter of 1951.

There was a total of 1169 failures during the first nine months of 1952 representing an advance of over 13% over the 1030 recorded for the same period last year. The upward trend in bankruptcies observable since the end of the last war has thus continued in 1952. Total estimated liabilities for the nine months were \$22,015 thousand, 16% above the corresponding total for 1951. The average liability per failure during the first three quarters was \$18,832 somewhat higher than the average of \$18,401 shown last year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals submitted is shown so as to give an indication of the trend.

Failures by Industries.

There were 451 insolvencies of trading establishments during the first nine months of 1952, as compared with 435 for the same period last year. In the same comparison, failures of manufacturing enterprises rose from 193 to 236 and defaults of service businesses from 192 to 210. Failures in the construction industry, however, declined from 94 to 86.

Failures by Economic Areas.

There were 894 bankruptcies in the Province of Quebec during the nine-month period, an advance of more than 17% over 1951. The number of failures in Ontario rose by nearly 13% in the nine months comparison, from 157 to 177. Bankruptcies in the Atlantic Provinces showed little change, and failures in the Prairie Provinces decreased from 33 to 22. In British Columbia, 43 bankruptcies were recorded during the first nine months, the same number as in the corresponding period of 1951.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1951 and 1952

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures			
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vegetable Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures
1949 ^x	1,066	21,356	8	10	10	232	31	34	46
1950 ^x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36
1951 ^x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41
1951									
July ..	107	2,398	2	-	-	16	1	2	4
Aug. ..	118	2,409	1	1	-	22	3	1	5
Sept. ..	87	1,662	1	-	-	18	1	2	2
Oct. ..	129	2,380	2	3	1	27	4	2	8
Nov. ..	142	3,154	4	1	2	31	2	5	3
Dec. ..	93	1,425	3	-	2	18	3	1	2
1952									
Jan. ..	154	2,455	6	-	2	30	4	2	6
Feb. ..	158	2,761	5	-	1	30	3	4	4
Mar. ..	158	2,063	3	-	-	31	2	5	2
Apr. ..	127	2,266	2	-	1	26	3	2	4
May ..	162	3,327	4	-	2	33	4	4	2
June ..	105	2,381	3	-	-	24	4	1	3
July ..	91	1,903	2	2	-	16	1	-	2
Aug. ..	109	2,138	3	-	-	23	2	-	5
Sept...	105	2,721	3	-	-	23	2	2	1

	Manufactures	Con-	Trans-	Trade				Not		
	Iron and Steel	struc- tion	porta- tion	Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Class- ified
1949 ^x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203	70
1950 ^x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1951 ^x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255	74
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1951										
July ...	1	9	6	50	6	12	7	3	18	3
Aug. ...	1	12	2	53	3	4	6	1	19	7
Sept. ..	1	6	2	29	3	5	4	4	17	10
Oct. ...	1	14	4	46	3	4	5	3	24	5
Nov. ...	3	9	4	53	4	4	7	3	25	10
Dec. ...	1	9	2	36	5	3	2	2	14	7
1952										
Jan. ...	1	12	6	60	4	6	5	3	26	9
Feb. ...	1	9	5	60	5	5	6	5	34	9
Mar. ...	-	12	4	66	5	7	8	4	26	12
Apr. ...	3	11	3	46	6	4	3	2	23	13
May	4	14	4	61	6	4	8	4	25	15
June ...	2	7	2	45	3	7	5	4	16	4
July ...	1	6	2	37	3	3	5	1	19	6
Aug. ...	2	9	4	34	3	4	3	3	21	12
Sept. ..	-	6	3	42	4	5	6	1	20	7

x Annual totals.

**TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1952, WITH COMPARISONS**

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1952	1951	1950
TRADE								
General Stores		9	1	-	-	10	12	8
Grocery		7	5	-	-	12	21	11
Confectionery		7	-	-	-	7	5	8
Drink and Tobacco		4	1	-	-	5	2	-
Fish and Meat		8	2	-	-	10	15	8
Boots and Shoes		2	-	-	-	2	5	1
Dry Goods		7	1	-	-	8	3	3
Clothing		12	1	-	1	14	17	16
Furniture		3	1	-	-	4	6	4
Books and Stationery ..		3	-	-	-	3	5	1
Automobile	1	3	-	-	-	4	4	2
Hardware		1	2	-	-	3	4	3
Electric Apparatus		2	-	-	-	2	5	3
Jewelry		1	1	-	-	2	5	1
Coal and Wood		3	-	-	-	3	3	2
Drugs and Chemicals ...		1	1	-	-	2	2	2
Miscellaneous		13	7	-	2	22	18	20
Total Trade	1	86	23	-	3	113	132	93
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods		5	-	-	-	5	5	6
Drink and Tobacco		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods		3	-	-	-	3	1	2
Fur and Leather		2	-	-	-	2	5	3
Pulp and Paper		4	4	-	-	8	2	4
Textiles		7	-	-	-	7	2	4
Clothing		8	1	-	-	9	10	7
Lumber and Manufactures		7	1	-	-	8	11	7
Iron and Steel		3	-	-	-	3	3	-
Non-ferrous Metals		2	3	-	-	5	-	1
Non-metallic Minerals .		2	-	-	-	2	2	1
Drugs and Chemicals ...		3	-	-	-	3	1	1
Miscellaneous		7	-	-	-	7	14	9
Total Manufactures		53	9	-	-	62	56	45
SERVICE								
Garage	1	5	3	3	1	13	7	10
Other custom and repair		8	2	-	-	10	8	8
Personal Service		12	3	-	-	15	11	12
Restaurants		10	1	-	-	11	16	13
Professional Service...		4	-	-	-	4	1	6
Recreational Service...		2	1	-	-	3	4	2
Business Service		4	-	-	-	4	7	6
Total Service	1	45	10	3	1	60	54	57

**TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE THIRD QUARTER, 1952, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded**

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter 1952 1951 1950		
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	8	-	-	-	8	3	5
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	-
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	15	3	1	2	21	27	20
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	9	-	-	-	9	10	8
Finance	-	5	-	-	-	5	6	5
Not Classified ..	1	21	2	-	1	25	23	15
Total Other	1	59	5	1	4	70	70	53
GRAND TOTAL	3	243	47	4	8	305	312	248

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, THIRD QUARTER, 1952, WITH COMPARISON^x

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prai- ries	British Columbia	T o t a l Third Quarter, 1952 Third Quarter, 1951	
Trade	-	10	1	-	1	12	9
Manufactures	-	2	-	-	-	2	4
Service	-	9	2	-	-	11	12
Other	-	6	1	-	-	7	10
Total	-	27	4	-	1	32	35

Data included in Tables 1,2,4 and 5.
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TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, NINE MONTHS, 1952 WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	7	3	112	24	1	2	1	4	154
February	3	-	1	-	118	23	2	-	1	10	158
March	-	-	1	1	123	24	2	-	-	7	158
April	1	-	-	2	100	22	-	1	-	1	127
May	1	-	5	3	120	22	-	-	2	9	162
June	-	-	2	-	78	15	2	1	3	4	105
July	-	-	-	1	65	22	-	-	1	2	91
August	1	-	-	1	91	10	1	-	-	5	109
September	-	-	-	-	87	15	1	1	-	1	105
Nine Months¹ Total											
1952	6	-	16	11	894	177	9	5	8	43	1,169
1951	5	1	11	17	763	157	11	10	12	43	1,030
1950	-	4	12	14	735	132	10	4	9	48	968
1949	-	2	2	8	571	89	11	3	9	44	739

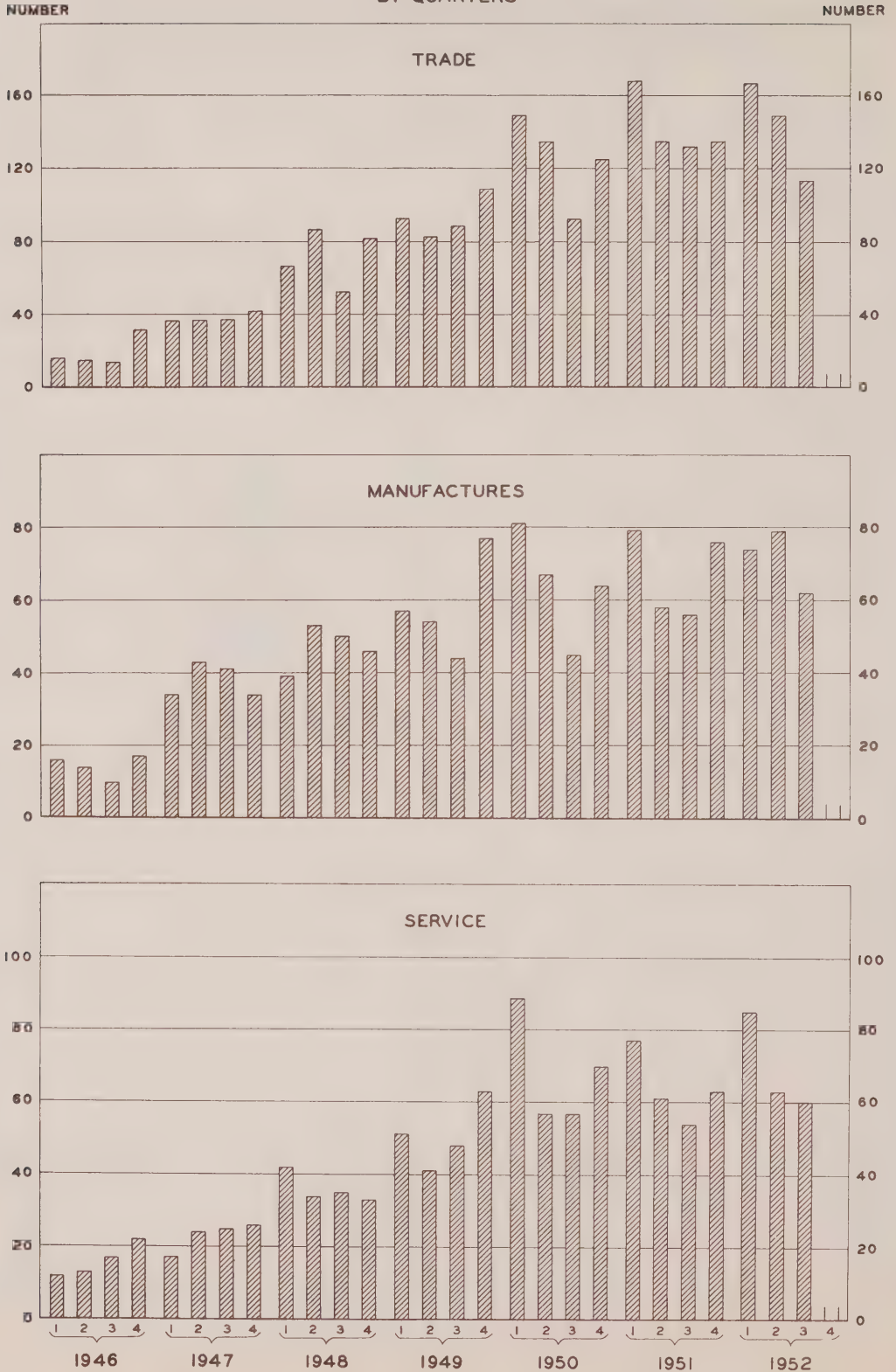
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	1	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	2	57,904	61,878
Quebec	243	3,338,507	4,526,049
Ontario	47	744,345	1,596,312
Manitoba	2	11,832	17,135
Saskatchewan	1	-	56,150
Alberta	1	-	26,186
British Columbia	8	119,617	478,886
Comparative Total for the Third Quarter - 1952	305	4,272,205	6,762,596
1951	312	4,489,901	6,469,772
1950	248	4,399,938	5,798,161
1949	239	5,150,543	6,418,224
1948	181	2,582,402	4,139,130
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1944	57	373,165	797,283
1939	343	3,206,118	3,789,520
1932	556	6,841,455	8,791,501
1929	437	7,066,742	9,315,961

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3.

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
<u>1951</u>											
Apr. ..	-	-	1	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	12
May ...	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
June ..	-	-	-	2	18	-	-	-	-	2	22
July ..	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
Aug. ..	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	-	16
Sept. .	-	-	-	1	14	2	-	-	-	1	18
Oct. ..	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
Nov. ..	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Dec. ..	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
<u>1952</u>											
Jan. ..	-	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
Feb. ..	-	-	-	-	25	2	-	-	-	-	27
Mar. ..	-	-	-	-	22	2	-	-	-	-	24
Apr. ..	-	-	-	-	11	3	-	-	-	-	14
May ...	-	-	-	1	15	2	-	-	-	-	18
June ..	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	10
July ..	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	9
Aug. ..	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	-	-	-	20
Sept. .	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	1	17

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTSFOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR, 1952

During 1952 the total number of failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 1,509, or nearly 8 percent higher than the 1951 total of 1,399. The 1952 figure was the highest recorded since 1934. The estimated total of liabilities was \$29,658,000, over 14 percent greater than in 1951. Following the low levels of the war period, the annual number of bankruptcies in Canada has increased steadily since 1946, but is still well below the totals recorded in the early 1930's. The yearly total of defaulted liabilities has followed a similar trend. The average liability per failure was slightly higher in 1952 than during the previous year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July, 1950, are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In table 10 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector, where there were 569 insolvencies as compared with 570 in 1951. Bankruptcies of groceries and general stores declined moderately, as did failures of clothing stores. Insolvencies of manufacturing establishments, however, rose from 269 in the previous year to 305. Defaults of service establishments numbered 279, as compared with 255 in 1951. Bankruptcies of "Other" establishments also recorded a marked advance.

Failures by Economic Areas

Insolvencies in Quebec rose by over 14 percent from 1,022 in 1951 to 1,167 last year. Failures in most other provinces showed declines in the same comparison, with the Ontario total dropping from 227 to 220, and failures in British Columbia falling off from 64 to 48. There were 34 bankruptcies in the Prairie region as compared with 42 in 1951. Similarly the number of failures in the Atlantic area decreased from 44 to 40.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1952

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114	78	85	86	111	137	86	1,303
1951	136	134	132	124	97	100	107	118	87	129	142	93	1,399
1952	154	158	158	127	162	105	91	109	100	126	111	108	1,509
<u>Proposals</u>													
1950							13	16	7	8	20	15	79
1951	12	21	18	12	15	22	13	16	18	21	5	3	176
1952	14	27	24	14	18	10	9	20	17	16	12	10	191

TABLE 2. - DEFAULTED LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1952

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(=	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700	2,029	1,956	1,813	2,172	2,504	1,957	24,872
1951	2,323	2,097	2,268	2,346	1,784	1,666	2,398	2,409	1,662	2,380	3,154	1,425	25,912
1952	2,455	2,767	2,063	2,266	3,737	2,381	1,903	2,138	2,721	2,452	2,202	2,573	29,658

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1952

Year	New-found-land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923		16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924		3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925		4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926		4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927		4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928		4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929		1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930		3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931		7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932		9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933		10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934		8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935		4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936		6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937		-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938		4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939		3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940		3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941		4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942		2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943		-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944		-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945		1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946		1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947		2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948		1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
1949		3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066
1950	3	8	17	20	967	186	16	9	16	61	1,303
1951	5	3	12	24	1,022	227	15	13	14	64	1,399
1952	9	-	17	14	1,167	220	13	8	13	48	1,509

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Year	New= found- land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	-	32,154
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291	
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555	
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455	
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,748	
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164	
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553	
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629	
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954	
1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598	
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567	
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145	
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303	
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017	
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089	
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663	
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134	
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019	
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340	
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044	
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995	
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967	
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,078	
1948	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724	
1949	60	29	100	12,842	5,222	549	364	204	1,985	21,356	
1950	22	135	851	203	16,065	4,700	386	137	604	1,769	24,872
1951	168	61	301	417	15,958	5,919	329	155	245	2,359	25,912
1952	228	-	418	185	20,249	6,653	350	132	139	1,304	29,658

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1952 WITH COMPARISONS

	THE FOURTH QUARTER							THE YEAR						
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total	
						1952	1951						1952	1951
<u>TRADE</u>														
General Stores	2	10	1	1	-	14	12	6	40	5	1	1	53	56
Grocery	-	9	2	-	-	11	11	4	38	13	1	-	56	65
Confectionery	-	5	-	-	-	5	5	-	27	1	-	-	28	27
Drink and Tobacco ..	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	18	2	-	-	20	10
Fish and Meat	-	6	1	-	-	7	9	2	31	5	-	-	38	44
Boots and Shoes	-	6	-	-	-	6	3	-	19	2	1	-	22	16
Dry Goods	-	4	-	-	-	4	7	-	25	2	-	-	27	24
Clothing	1	14	-	2	-	17	14	3	47	11	4	1	66	75
Furniture	-	6	-	1	-	7	5	1	20	2	1	-	24	28
Books and Stationery	-	3	-	-	-	3	6	-	16	1	-	-	17	20
Automobiles	-	6	1	-	-	7	5	1	17	5	1	2	26	16
Hardware	-	2	1	-	-	3	7	-	12	5	-	-	17	23
Electric Apparatus .	-	5	1	1	-	7	10	-	27	3	1	-	31	27
Jewelry	-	2	2	-	1	5	5	1	14	8	-	1	24	27
Coal and Wood	-	1	-	-	-	1	6	-	13	2	-	-	15	21
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	11	1	-	2	14	8
Miscellaneous	1	12	6	1	-	20	24	4	54	25	3	5	91	83
Total Trade	4	94	15	6	1	120	135	22	429	93	13	12	569	570
<u>MANUFACTURE</u>														
Vegetable Foods	-	6	-	-	-	6	9	1	27	1	2	-	31	35
Drink and Tobacco ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	2
Animal Foods	-	2	1	-	-	3	8	-	16	2	-	-	18	18
Fur and Leather	-	4	-	-	-	4	8	-	21	1	2	-	24	31
Pulp and Paper	1	6	-	-	-	7	4	1	18	5	-	-	24	16
Textiles	-	7	-	-	-	7	8	-	29	1	-	-	30	26
Clothing	-	11	2	1	1	15	9	-	39	7	2	1	49	39
Lumber & Manufactures	-	8	-	-	-	8	13	1	31	5	-	-	37	41
Iron and Steel	-	3	-	-	-	3	5	-	14	2	-	1	17	16
Non-ferrous Metals .	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	7	3	1	-	11	5
Non-metallic Minerals	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	8	1	-	-	9	7
Drugs and Chemicals	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	8	1	-	-	9	2
Miscellaneous	-	9	-	-	-	9	8	-	36	8	-	-	44	31
Total Manufactures ..	1	62	4	1	1	69	76	3	256	37	7	2	305	269
<u>SERVICE</u>														
Garage	-	9	2	2	-	13	11	2	36	5	5	4	52	40
Other custom & repair	-	10	2	-	-	12	12	-	41	6	-	1	48	43
Personal Service ...	-	9	1	-	-	10	10	-	48	7	-	3	58	46
Restaurants	-	11	4	-	-	15	13	1	43	7	2	2	55	60
Professional Service	-	7	-	-	-	7	7	-	23	-	-	-	23	28
Recreational Service	-	5	1	-	-	6	3	1	14	3	-	-	18	10
Business Service	-	6	-	-	-	6	7	-	23	2	-	-	25	28
Total Service	-	57	10	2	-	69	63	4	228	30	7	10	279	255

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1952, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	THE FOURTH QUARTER						THE YEAR							
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for 4th quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total	
						1952	1951						1952	1951
<u>OTHER</u>														
Agriculture	-	11	-	-	-	11	9	-	40	2	-	-	42	20
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	4	1	-	1	7	8
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	1	2	8
Construction	1	19	6	2	-	28	32	5	70	29	5	5	114	126
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	9	2	1	1	13	10	-	29	10	2	4	45	42
Finance	-	5	-	-	-	5	8	-	26	3	-	3	32	27
Not Classified	1	21	6	-	2	30	22	5	84	15	-	10	114	74
Total Other	2	65	14	3	3	87	90	11	254	60	7	24	356	305
GRAND TOTAL	7	278	43	12	5	345	364	40	1,167	220	34	48	1,509	1,399

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1951 and 1952

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur and Leather	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
1951									
January	61	6	4	10	33	6	4	2	4
February ...	55	4	4	6	21	2	5	1	3
March	52	5	8	12	25	3	3	1	4
April	56	6	7	6	20	3	2	1	5
May	42	5	5	6	22	1	2	3	2
June	37	6	5	4	16	2	2	-	3
July	50	6	12	7	16	4	2	1	1
August	53	3	4	6	22	5	1	1	3
September ..	29	3	5	4	18	2	2	1	1
October	46	3	4	5	27	8	2	1	4
November	53	4	4	7	31	3	5	3	2
December	36	5	3	2	18	2	1	1	3
1952									
January	60	4	6	5	30	6	2	1	4
February ...	60	5	5	6	30	4	4	1	3
March	66	5	7	8	31	2	5	-	2
April	46	6	4	3	26	4	2	3	3
May	61	6	4	8	33	2	4	4	4
June	45	3	7	5	24	3	1	2	4
July	37	3	3	5	16	2	-	1	1
August	34	3	4	3	23	5	-	2	2
September ...	39	4	5	6	23	1	2	-	2
October	43	5	2	5	25	2	3	2	3
November	39	5	3	7	22	2	-	-	1
December ...	39	4	6	5	22	4	1	1	2

TABLE 6. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS,
1951 and 1952

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1951</u>									
January.....	-	2	2	13	2	1	20	2	136
February....	1	1	1	10	3	1	36	5	134
March.....	2	-	-	16	5	4	21	7	132
April.....	-	-	-	10	5	1	27	5	124
May.....	1	-	-	7	4	-	14	7	97
June.....	3	-	-	11	3	4	20	6	100
July.....	2	-	-	9	6	3	18	3	107
August.....	1	1	-	12	2	1	19	7	118
September...	1	-	-	6	2	4	17	10	87
October.....	2	3	1	14	4	3	24	5	129
November....	4	1	2	9	4	3	25	10	142
December....	3	-	2	9	2	2	14	7	93
<u>1952</u>									
January.....	6	-	2	12	6	3	26	9	154
February....	5	-	1	9	5	5	34	9	158
March.....	3	-	-	12	4	4	26	12	158
April.....	2	-	1	11	3	2	23	13	127
May.....	4	-	2	14	4	4	25	15	162
June.....	3	-	-	7	2	4	16	4	105
July.....	2	2	-	6	2	1	19	6	91
August.....	3	-	-	9	4	3	21	12	109
September...	3	-	-	6	3	1	20	5	100
October.....	4	-	-	11	4	2	26	11	126
November....	4	-	-	8	5	2	23	8	111
December....	3	-	1	9	3	1	20	10	108

TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1952

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January...	-	-	7	3	112	24	1	2	1	4	154
February..	3	-	1	-	118	23	2	-	1	10	158
March.....	-	-	1	1	123	24	2	-	-	7	158
April.....	1	-	-	2	100	22	-	1	-	1	127
May.....	1	-	5	3	120	22	-	-	2	9	162
June.....	-	-	2	-	78	15	2	1	3	4	105
July.....	-	-	-	1	65	22	-	-	1	2	91
August....	1	-	-	1	91	10	1	-	-	5	109
September.	-	-	-	-	82	15	1	1	-	1	100
October...	-	-	-	2	107	10	2	2	2	1	126
November..	-	-	-	1	87	18	-	1	3	1	111
December..	3	-	1	-	84	15	2	-	-	3	108

TABLE 8. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 1952, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	3	199,837	189,899
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	-	-
New Brunswick	3	14,302	64,662
Quebec	278	3,988,222	5,482,618
Ontario	43	407,146	979,477
Manitoba	4	49,781	137,849
Saskatchewan	3	19,194	42,536
Alberta	5	17,459	48,878
British Columbia	5	188,154	281,622
Comparative Total for the Fourth Quarter - 1952	345	4,884,095	7,227,541
1951	364	4,977,665	6,958,368
1950	334	4,199,296	6,632,430
1949	327	4,277,036	6,211,948

TABLE 9. - WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, BY QUARTERS, 1952 WITH COMPARISONS

		T O T A L							
	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	British Columbia	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
Trade	-	12	-	-	-	12	12	15	13
Manufactures.	-	8	1	-	-	9	2	8	4
Service	-	9	-	-	1	10	11	16	17
Other	-	7	-	-	-	7	7	10	12
Fourth Quarter 1952	-	36	1	-	1	38	32	49	46
The Year 1952	1	155	6	-	3				
The Year 1951	2	148	11	-	2				
The Year 1950	-	121	9	-	2				
The Year 1949	2	118	2	-	2				

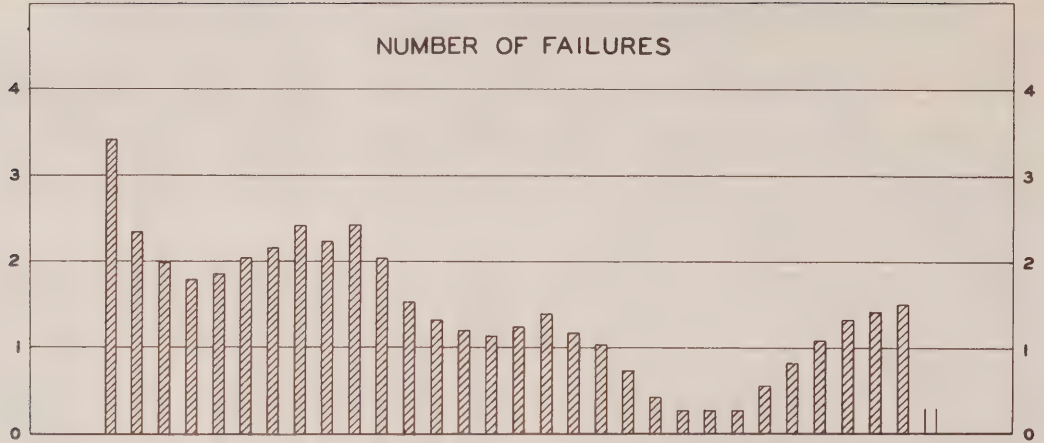
TABLE 10. - PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3.

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1952											
Jan.	-	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
Feb.	-	-	-	-	25	2	-	-	-	-	27
Mar.	-	-	-	-	22	2	-	-	-	-	24
Apr.	-	-	-	-	11	3	-	-	-	-	14
May	-	-	-	1	15	2	-	-	-	-	18
June	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	10
July	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	9
Aug.	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	-	-	-	20
Sept.	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	1	17
Oct.	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	1	16
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Dec.	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10

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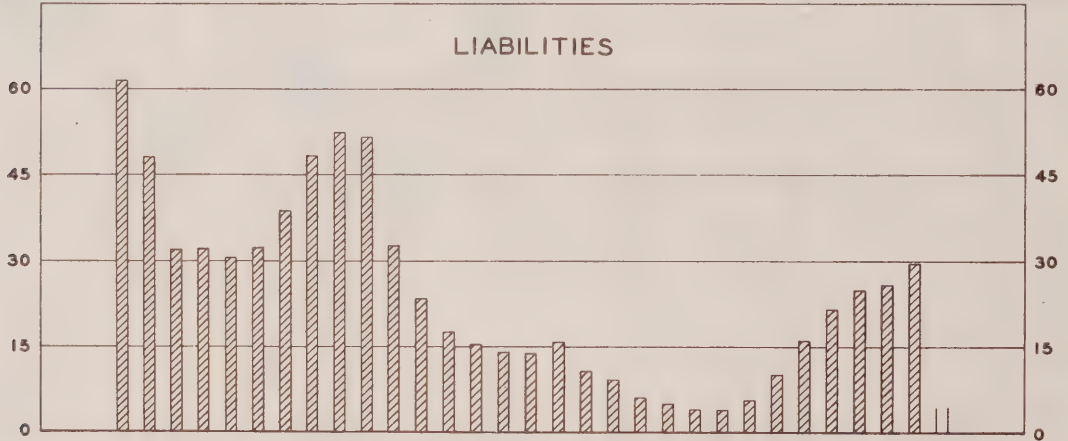
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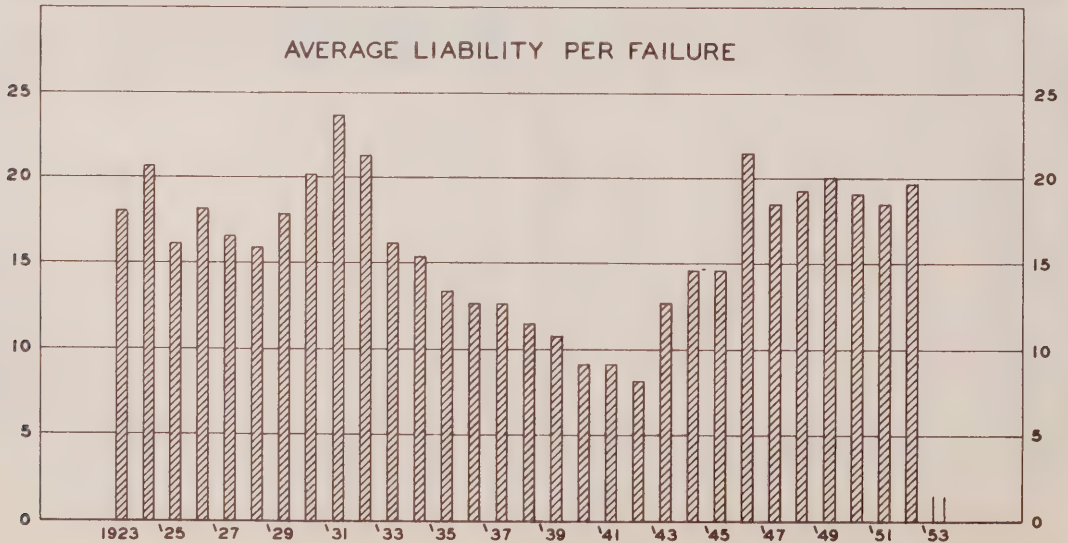
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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

FIRST QUARTER, 1953

During the first quarter of 1953, the number of failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 382, compared with 470 during the same period last year. This represented a decline of 19 per cent and was the first reversal of the upward trend in first quarter comparisons since 1946. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$7,151 thousand compared with \$7,285 thousand in the first quarter of 1952.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July, 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in all recorded industrial classifications except mining showed a decline in the first quarter, compared with the corresponding period last year. Failures in the trade sector, where the greatest number of business mortalities usually occurs, totalled 146 compared with 186 in the first quarter of 1952. Bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments declined from 91 to 85, and service insolvencies dropped from 86 to 60. Failures in the construction field numbered 25 compared with 33 last year.

Failures by Economic Areas

The number of bankruptcies in the Province of Quebec declined 20 per cent in the first quarter comparison, from 357 in 1952 to 287 this year. Failures in Ontario totalled 49 against 69 in the first three months last year. In the Atlantic Provinces, insolvencies declined from 16 to 8 in the same comparison. By contrast, failures in the four Western Provinces rose from 28 to 38 in the first quarter.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1952 and 1953

Total						Manufactures				
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures	
1949 ^x	1,066	21,356	8	10	10	232	31	34	46	
1950 ^x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36	
1951 ^x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41	
1952 ^x	1,509	29,658	42	2	7	305	31	24	37	
1952										
Jan. ..	154	2,455	6	-	2	30	4	2	6	
Feb. .	158	2,767	5	-	1	30	3	4	4	
Mar. .	158	2,063	3	-	-	31	2	5	2	
Apr. .	127	2,266	2	-	1	26	3	2	4	
May ..	162	3,737	4	-	2	33	4	4	2	
June .	105	2,381	3	-	-	24	4	1	3	
July .	91	1,903	2	2	-	16	1	-	2	
Aug. .	109	2,138	3	-	-	23	2	-	5	
Sept. .	100	2,721	3	-	-	23	2	2	1	
Oct. .	126	2,452	4	-	-	25	3	3	2	
Nov. .	111	2,202	4	-	-	22	1	-	2	
Dec. .	108	2,573	3	-	1	22	2	1	4	
1953										
Jan. .	125	2,677	4	1	-	25	5	2	1	
Feb. .	117	2,026	3	1	-	30	4	1	6	
Mar. .	140	2,448	2	1	-	30	4	2	4	
Manufactures										
	Iron and Steel	Con- stru- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Classi- fied
1949 ^x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203	70
1950 ^x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1951 ^x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255	74
1952 ^x	17	114	45	569	53	56	66	32	279	114
1952										
Jan. ...	1	12	6	60	4	6	5	3	26	9
Feb. ...	1	9	5	60	5	5	6	5	34	9
Mar. ...	-	12	4	66	5	7	8	4	26	12
Apr. ...	3	11	3	46	6	4	3	2	23	13
May	4	14	4	61	6	4	8	4	25	15
June ...	2	7	2	45	3	7	5	4	16	4
July ...	1	6	2	37	3	3	5	1	19	6
Aug. ...	2	9	4	34	3	4	3	3	21	12
Sept. ..	=	6	3	39	4	5	6	1	20	5
Oct. ...	2	11	4	43	5	2	5	2	26	11
Nov. ...	=	8	5	39	5	3	7	2	23	8
Dec. ...	1	9	3	39	4	6	5	1	20	10
1953										
Jan. ...	2	7	3	55	6	9	3	1	19	10
Feb. ...	2	10	6	40	4	5	5	2	15	10
Mar. ...	1	8	5	51	6	4	6	4	26	13

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included

x Annual totals

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1953	1952	1951
TRADE								
General Stores	3	9	2	2	-	16	14	15
Grocery	-	13	5	-	-	18	18	16
Confectionery	-	6	2	-	-	8	9	13
Drink and Tobacco	-	5	1	-	-	6	6	3
Fish and Meat	-	8	1	-	1	10	11	11
Boots and Shoes	-	2	1	-	-	3	7	8
Dry Goods	-	9	-	-	-	9	8	6
Clothing	1	7	3	1	2	14	19	28
Furniture	-	5	2	1	-	8	6	11
Books and Stationery .	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	6
Automobile	-	4	1	1	-	6	13	5
Hardware	-	1	1	-	-	2	7	7
Electric Apparatus ...	-	2	1	-	-	3	14	8
Jewelry	-	5	1	-	2	8	8	7
Coal and Wood	-	2	-	-	-	2	8	4
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	5	-	-	-	5	10	2
Miscellaneous	1	16	5	1	3	26	23	20
Total Trade	5	101	26	6	8	146	186	168
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	1	8	4	-	-	13	9	11
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Animal Foods	-	6	-	-	-	6	8	6
Fur and Leather	-	4	1	-	-	5	11	12
Pulp and Paper	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	6
Textiles	-	10	1	-	-	11	8	13
Clothing	-	12	3	2	-	17	12	8
Lumber and Manufactures	1	7	2	-	1	11	12	11
Iron and Steel	-	4	-	1	-	5	2	4
Non-ferrous Metals ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	1
Non-metallic Minerals .	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-
Miscellaneous	-	11	-	1	-	12	18	6
Total Manufactures	2	67	11	4	1	85	91	79
SERVICE								
Garage	-	9	2	-	1	12	16	14
Other custom and repair	-	9	-	-	1	10	14	9
Personal Service	-	10	-	-	1	11	19	10
Restaurants	-	8	-	1	1	10	15	20
Professional Service .	-	8	-	-	-	8	8	11
Recreational Service .	-	5	-	-	-	5	6	1
Business Service	-	4	-	-	-	4	8	12
Total Service	-	53	2	1	4	60	86	77

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FIRST QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1953	1952 ^x	1951
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	8	1	-	-	9	14	3
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Mining	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	3
Construction	-	17	5	1	2	25	33	39
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	11	1	-	2	14	15	10
Finance	-	6	-	1	-	7	12	6
Not Classified	1	24	3	4	1	33	30	14
Total Other	1	66	10	6	8	91	107	78
GRAND TOTAL	8	287	49	17	21	382	470	402

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, FIRST QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISON^x

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total First Quarter		
						1953	1952 ^x	1951
Trade	-	11	1	-	-	12	15	8
Manufactures	-	8	-	-	-	8	5	4
Service	-	15	1	-	-	16	17	20
Other	-	10	-	-	-	10	14	10
Total	-	44	2	-	-	46	51	42

^x Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, FIRST QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	2	-	96	18	1	1	1	6	125
February	1	-	1	1	88	19	1	1	-	5	117
March	2	-	1	-	103	12	2	2	8	10	140
First Quarter 1953	3	-	4	1	287	49	4	4	9	21	382
1952 ^x	3	-	9	4	357	69	5	2	2	19	470
1951	2	-	5	6	299	62	9	1	3	15	402

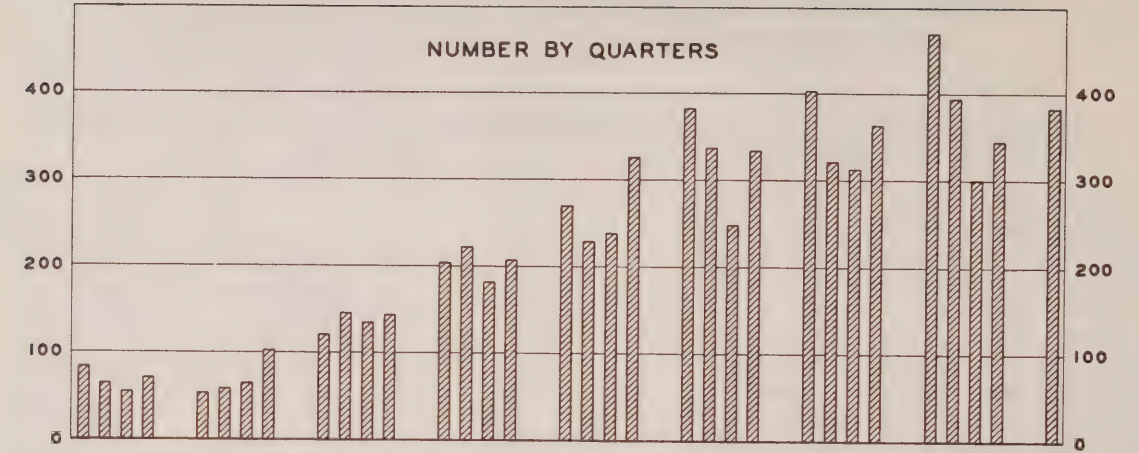
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	3	20,596	32,718
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	4	611,513	1,062,047
New Brunswick	1	3,090	13,372
Quebec	287	2,570,579	3,532,326
Ontario	49	1,022,907	1,458,578
Manitoba	4	45,773	63,837
Saskatchewan	4	84,540	89,743
Alberta	9	252,216	408,722
British Columbia	21	306,116	489,619
Comparative Total for the			
First Quarter -			
1953 ...	382	4,917,330	7,150,962
1952 ...	470	4,783,147	7,285,001
1951 ...	402	4,269,893	6,688,412
1950 ...	382	4,040,543	6,307,156
1949 ...	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948 ...	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947 ...	120	954,602	1,431,807
1944 ...	94	535,644	1,185,693
1939 ...	371	2,614,428	3,592,118
1932 ...	667	12,971,869	11,110,423
1929 ...	646	8,076,661	13,143,000

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3.

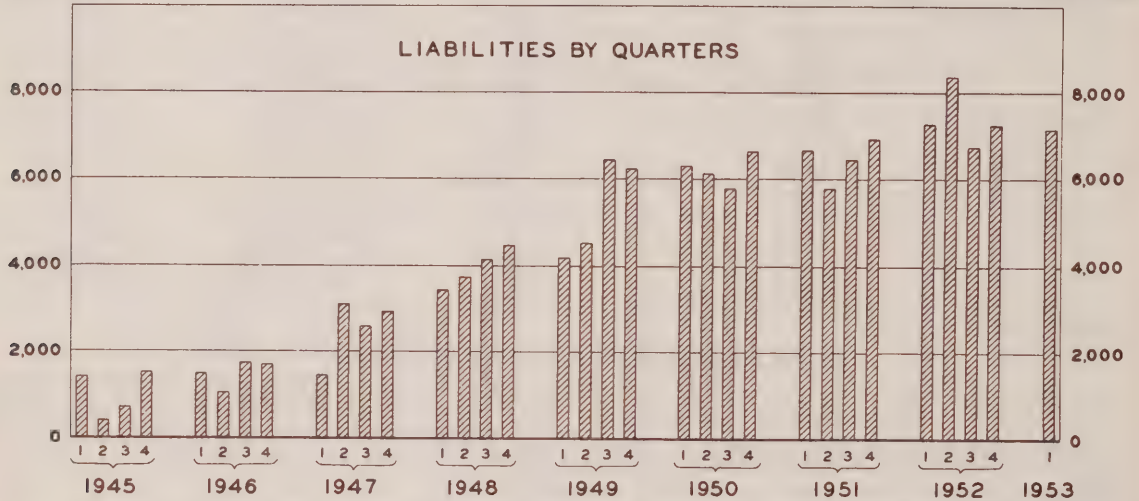
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1952											
January	-	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
February ...	-	-	-	-	25	2	-	-	-	-	27
March	-	-	-	-	22	2	-	-	-	-	24
April	-	-	-	-	11	3	-	-	-	-	14
May	-	-	-	1	15	2	-	-	-	-	18
June	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	10
July	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	9
August	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	-	-	-	20
September ..	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	1	17
October	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	1	16
November ...	-	-	-	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	12
December ...	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
1953											
January	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
February ...	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
March	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12

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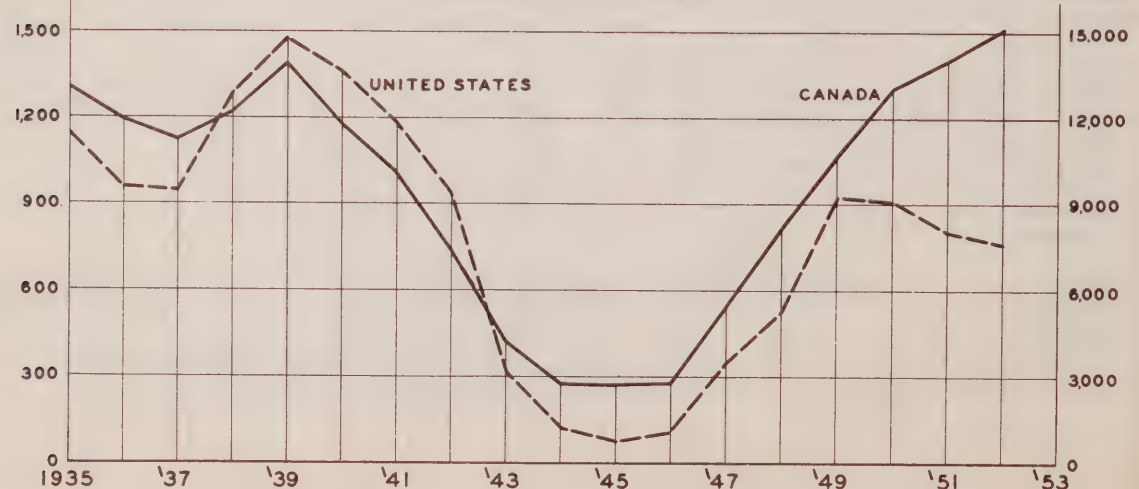
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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTSSECOND QUARTER, 1953

During the second quarter of 1953, the total number of failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 351, as compared with 394 in the same period last year. This represented a decline of 11 per cent and followed a drop of 19 per cent in the first quarter comparison. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$8,717 thousand compared with \$8,384 thousand in the second quarter of 1952.

Failures in the first six months of 1953 numbered 733, more than 15 per cent less than the 864 recorded in the first half of the previous year. This represented the first reversal of the upward trend in half-year comparisons since 1946. Total estimated liabilities over the six-month period were \$15,868 thousand as compared with \$15,669 thousand in the same period last year, a small gain of 1 per cent. The average liability per failure was \$21,648, considerably higher than the average of \$18,134 in the first six months of 1952.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

Bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments totalled 158 in the first half of 1953, an appreciable decline from 174 in the same period last year. Failures in the trade sector, where the greatest number of business mortalities usually occurs, dropped from 338 to 287 in the same comparison. Service insolvencies fell off to 125 as compared with 150, while failures in the construction field stood at 53 as compared with 65 in the first six months of 1952.

Failures by Economic Areas

The total number of bankruptcies in the province of Quebec, during the first six months of 1953, was 541, a decline of nearly 17 per cent from the 651 recorded in the same period of the previous year. Failures in Ontario dropped from 130 to 112. Insolvencies in the Atlantic Provinces declined from 30 to 15 in the same comparison. By contrast, failures in the four Western Provinces rose from 53 to 65.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1952 and 1953

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures			
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures
1949 ^x	1,066	21,356	8	10	10	232	31	34	46
1950 ^x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36
1951 ^x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41
1952 ^x	1,509	29,658	42	2	7	305	31	24	37
1952									
Apr...	127	2,266	2	-	1	26	3	2	4
May ..	162	3,737	4	-	2	33	4	4	2
June..	105	2,381	3	-	-	24	4	1	3
July..	91	1,903	2	2	-	16	1	-	2
Aug...	109	2,138	3	-	-	23	2	-	5
Sept..	100	2,721	3	-	-	23	2	2	1
Oct...	126	2,452	4	-	-	25	3	3	2
Nov...	111	2,202	4	-	-	22	1	-	2
Dec...	108	2,573	3	-	1	22	2	1	4
1953									
Jan...	125	2,677	4	1	-	25	5	2	1
Feb...	117	2,026	3	1	-	30	4	1	6
Mar...	140	2,448	2	1	-	30	4	2	4
Apr...	122	2,870	4	-	2	25	1	2	7
May...	97	2,121	2	1	1	23	2	1	4
June..	132	3,726	2	-	-	25	3	2	2
	Manufactures		Con- struction	Trans- portation	Trade			Not	
	Iron and Steel				Total Stores	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Fin- ance	Ser- vice
1949 ^x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203
1950 ^x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273
1951 ^x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255
1952 ^x	17	114	45	569	53	56	66	32	279
1952									
Apr...	3	11	3	46	6	4	3	2	23
May...	4	14	4	61	6	4	8	4	25
June..	2	7	2	45	3	7	5	4	16
July..	1	6	2	37	3	3	5	1	19
Aug...	2	9	4	34	3	4	3	3	21
Sept..	-	6	3	39	4	5	6	1	20
Oct...	2	11	4	43	5	2	5	2	26
Nov...	-	8	5	39	5	3	7	2	23
Dec...	1	9	3	39	4	6	5	1	20
1953									
Jan...	2	7	3	55	6	9	3	1	19
Feb...	2	10	6	40	4	5	5	2	15
Mar...	1	8	5	51	6	4	6	4	26
Apr...	2	8	8	44	2	4	8	2	24
May...	-	8	3	37	2	3	6	2	16
June..	1	12	4	60	5	4	9	1	25

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included
x Annual totals

TABLE 2.-COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1953	1952	1951
TRADE								
General Stores ...	-	7	1	-	1	9	15	17
Grocery	-	8	3	-	-	11	15	17
Confectionery	-	2	-	-	-	2	7	4
Drink and Tobacco..	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	2
Fish and Meat.....	-	8	3	-	-	11	10	9
Boots and Shoes ..	-	3	-	-	-	3	7	2
Dry Goods	1	2	-	-	-	3	7	8
Clothing	-	13	5	1	4	23	16	16
Furniture	-	10	1	1	-	12	7	6
Books and Station- ery .	-	4	-	-	-	4	6	3
Automobile	1	2	-	1	-	4	2	2
Hardware	-	3	1	1	-	5	4	5
Electric Apparatus	-	5	5	-	-	10	8	4
Jewelry	-	8	3	1	-	12	11	10
Coal and Wood	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	8
Drugs and Chemicals	-	4	-	-	1	5	1	1
Miscellaneous	1	13	6	2	1	23	28	21
Total Trade	3	96	28	7	7	141	152	135
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods ..	-	4	1	1	-	6	11	10
Drink and Tobacco..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	2	-	-	-	2	4	3
Fur and Leather ..	-	3	2	-	-	5	7	6
Pulp and Paper ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4
Textiles.....	-	16	-	-	-	16	8	3
Clothing	-	8	-	-	1	9	13	12
Lumber and Manu- factures.	-	10	1	-	2	13	9	6
Iron and Steel ...	-	2	1	-	-	3	9	4
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	2
Non-metallic Minerals	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	4
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	13	2	1	-	16	12	3
Total Manufactures ..	-	60	8	2	3	73	83	58
SERVICE								
Garage	1	9	3	-	-	13	10	9
Other custom and repair	-	8	2	-	-	10	12	13
Personal Service .	-	13	1	-	-	14	14	15
Restaurants	-	11	-	-	-	11	14	11
Professional Service	-	5	3	-	-	8	4	9
Recreational Service	-	5	1	-	-	6	3	2
Business Service..	-	2	1	-	-	3	7	2
Total Service	1	53	11	-	-	65	64	61

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE SECOND QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1953	1952	1951
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	6	2	-	-	8	9	4
Logging, Fish & Trapping .	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Mining	-	1	1	1	-	3	3	-
Construction	2	18	8	-	-	28	32	28
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	10	1	4	-	15	9	12
Finance	-	4	-	1	-	5	10	5
Not Classified ..	1	5	4	1	1	12	32	18
Total Other	3	45	16	7	1	72	95	67
GRAND TOTAL	7	254	63	16	11	351	394	321

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, SECOND QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISON ^x

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total Second Quarter		
						1953	1952	1951
Trade	-	15	2	-	-	17	15	9
Manufactures	-	6	-	-	-	6	8	4
Service	-	7	-	-	-	7	16	13
Other	-	10	-	-	-	10	10	8
Total	-	38	2	-	-	40	49	34

x Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, SECOND QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	2	-	96	18	1	1	1	6	125
February	1	-	1	1	88	19	1	1	-	5	117
March	2	-	1	-	103	12	2	2	8	10	140
April	-	-	1	1	91	18	2	1	3	5	122
May	-	-	1	1	73	15	4	1	1	1	97
June	-	-	2	1	90	30	-	4	-	5	132
Six Months Total, 1953	3	-	8	4	541	112	10	10	13	32	733
Six Months Total, 1952	5	-	16	9	651	130	7	4	7	35	864
Six Months Total, 1951	4	-	7	12	529	112	10	6	8	35	723

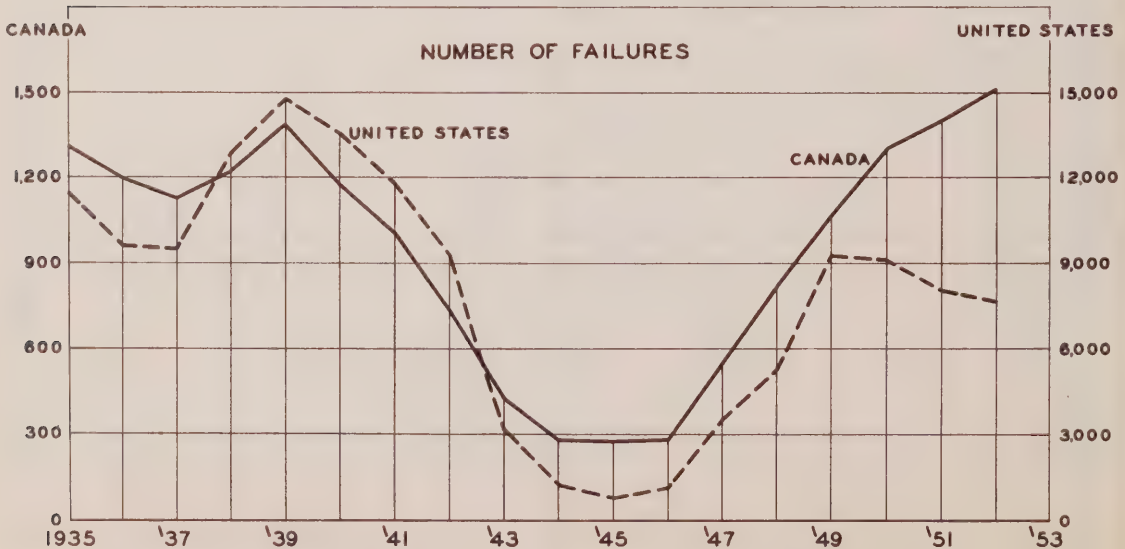
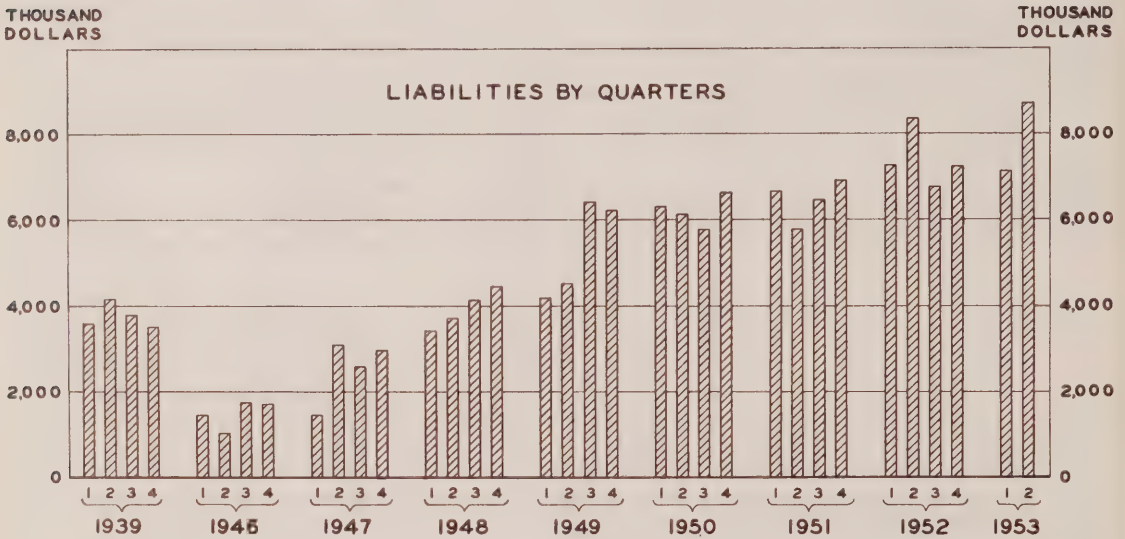
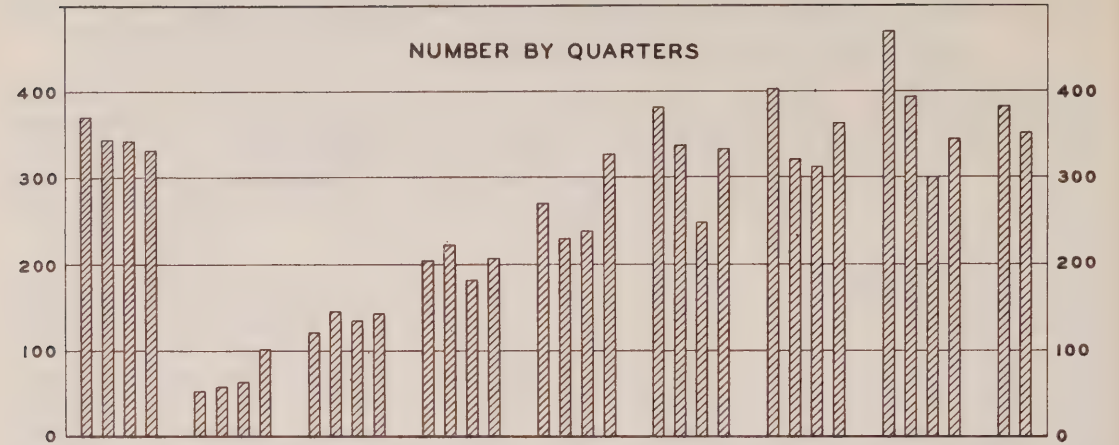
TABLE 5, COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
Newfoundland	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	4	112,476	233,062
New Brunswick	3	24,760	34,853
Quebec	254	3,236,532	5,372,516
Ontario	63	1,281,941	2,265,811
Manitoba	6	187,580	207,964
Saskatchewan	6	41,458	47,697
Alberta	4	127,329	139,028
British Columbia	11	431,700	415,932
Comparative Total for the Second Quarter -			
1953 ...	351	5,443,776	8,716,863
1952 ...	394	5,173,001	8,384,104
1951 ...	321	4,389,792	5,796,007
1950 ...	338	4,529,106	6,135,180
1949 ...	230	3,661,513	4,529,840
1948 ...	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1947 ...	146	1,887,252	3,101,753
1944 ...	61	400,925	756,584
1939 ...	346	2,788,143	4,189,660
1932 ...	573	11,596,713	16,108,434
1929 ...	507	7,534,078	7,882,774

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1952											
January...	-	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	14
February .	-	-	-	-	25	2	-	-	-	-	27
March	-	-	-	-	22	2	-	-	-	-	24
April	-	-	-	-	11	3	-	-	-	-	14
May	-	-	-	1	15	2	-	-	-	-	18
June	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	10
July	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	9
August ...	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	-	-	-	20
September.	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	1	17
October ..	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	1	16
November .	-	-	-	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	12
December .	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
1953											
January ..	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
February..	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
March	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
April	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	11
May	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	11
June	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	22

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTSTHIRD QUARTER, 1953

During the third quarter of 1953, 394 failures were registered under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, considerably more than the 300 recorded for the corresponding period last year. The estimated total amount of liabilities was \$8,075 thousand representing an increase of over 19 per cent over the third quarter of 1952.

Failures in the first nine months of 1953 numbered 1,127, a decline of about 3 per cent from the 1,164 recorded for the same period of 1952, as the upward trend in bankruptcies observable since the end of the last war was interrupted in the first six months of the present year. Total estimated liabilities for the nine months, however, were \$23,943 thousand, nearly 7 per cent above the corresponding total for 1952. The average liability per failure during the first three quarters was \$21,245, appreciably higher than the average of \$19,261 during the same period last year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals submitted is shown so as to give an indication of the trend.

Failures by Industries

There were 454 insolvencies of trading establishments during the first nine months of 1953, showing little change from the 448 recorded during the same period of 1952. In the same comparison, failures of manufacturing enterprises were practically unchanged at 237 as compared with 236 last year. Defaults of service businesses declined from 210 in 1952 to 197, and failures in the construction industry rose slightly from 86 to 88.

Failures by Economic Areas.

There were 824 bankruptcies in Quebec during the nine-month period a decline of over 7 per cent from 1952. The number of failures in Ontario fell off slightly from 176 to 173 in the same comparison. Bankruptcies in the Atlantic Provinces dropped fairly sharply from 33 to 22. By contrast, failures in the Prairie Provinces rose steeply from 22 to 56. In British Columbia, 52 bankruptcies were recorded during the first nine months, compared with 43 during the same period last year.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1952 and 1953

Total						Manufactures				
Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures		
1949 ^x	1,066	21,356	8	10	10	232	31	34	46	
1950 ^x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36	
1951 ^x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41	
1952 ^x	1,509	29,658	42	2	7	305	31	24	37	
1952										
July..	91	1,903	2	2	-	16	1	-	2	
Aug...	109	2,138	3	-	-	23	2	-	5	
Sept..	100	2,721	3	-	-	23	2	2	1	
Oct...	126	2,452	4	-	-	25	3	3	2	
Nov...	111	2,202	4	-	-	22	1	-	2	
Dec...	108	2,573	3	-	1	22	2	1	4	
1953										
Jan...	125	2,677	4	1	-	25	5	2	1	
Feb...	117	2,026	3	1	-	30	4	1	6	
Mar...	140	2,448	2	1	-	30	4	2	4	
Apr...	122	2,870	4	-	2	25	1	2	7	
May...	97	2,121	2	1	1	23	2	1	4	
June..	132	3,726	2	-	-	25	3	2	2	
July..	120	2,544	3	-	-	24	2	4	2	
Aug...	136	2,400	3	1	-	24	3	1	2	
Sept..	138	3,131	4	-	-	31	4	2	5	
Manufactures		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Not			
Iron and Steel	Total			General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Classi- fied	
1949 ^x	15	94	46	374	45	47	40	19	203	70
1950 ^x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1951 ^x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255	74
1952 ^x	17	114	45	569	53	56	66	32	279	114
1952										
July..	1	6	2	37	3	3	5	1	19	6
Aug...	2	9	4	34	3	4	3	3	21	12
Sept..	-	6	3	39	4	5	6	1	20	5
Oct...	2	11	4	43	5	2	5	2	26	11
Nov...	-	8	5	39	5	3	7	2	23	8
Dec...	1	9	3	39	4	6	5	1	20	10
1953										
Jan...	2	7	3	55	6	9	3	1	19	10
Feb...	2	10	6	40	4	5	5	2	15	10
Mar...	1	8	5	51	6	4	6	4	26	13
Apr...	2	8	8	44	2	4	8	2	24	5
May...	-	8	3	37	2	3	6	2	16	4
June..	1	12	4	60	5	4	9	1	25	3
July..	1	11	1	53	8	5	7	1	22	5
Aug...	-	12	4	60	6	8	8	3	23	6
Sept..	2	12	1	54	2	5	6	2	27	7

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included. x Annual totals.

**TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1953, WITH COMPARISONS**

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1953	1952	1951
TRADE								
General Stores	-	12	2	-	2	16	10	12
Grocery	-	13	4	1	-	18	12	21
Confectionery	-	8	-	-	-	8	7	5
Drink and Tobacco	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	2
Fish and Meat	-	8	1	-	1	10	9	15
Boots and Shoes	-	5	-	-	-	5	2	5
Dry Goods	-	7	1	-	-	8	8	3
Clothing	1	13	3	-	4	21	14	17
Furniture	-	5	-	-	-	5	4	6
Books and Stationery ..	-	4	1	-	-	5	3	5
Automobile	-	4	1	3	-	8	4	4
Hardware	-	5	-	-	-	5	3	4
Electric Apparatus ...	-	9	9	1	1	20	2	5
Jewelry	-	3	4	-	-	7	2	5
Coal and Wood	-	5	-	-	-	5	3	3
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	3	-	2	1	6	2	2
Miscellaneous	1	10	3	2	2	18	20	18
Total Trade	2	116	29	9	11	167	110	132
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	8	1	-	-	9	5	5
Drink and Tobacco ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	4	-	1	-	5	3	1
Fur and Leather	-	5	1	1	-	7	2	5
Pulp and Paper	-	4	-	-	-	4	8	2
Textiles	-	11	-	-	-	11	7	2
Clothing	-	9	4	-	-	13	9	10
Lumber & Manufactures	-	7	-	2	-	9	8	11
Iron and Steel	-	-	3	-	-	3	3	3
Non-ferrous Metals ..	-	3	1	-	-	4	5	-
Non-metallic Minerals	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	2
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	1	1	-	-	2	3	1
Miscellaneous	-	9	-	1	-	10	7	14
Total Manufactures ...	-	63	11	5	-	79	62	56
SERVICE								
Garage	-	12	1	-	-	13	13	7
Other custom & repair	-	10	1	1	1	13	10	8
Personal Service	1	8	-	-	-	9	15	11
Restaurants	3	12	2	-	1	18	11	16
Professional Service	-	3	2	1	-	6	4	1
Recreational Service	-	2	1	-	1	4	3	4
Business Service	-	5	1	3	-	9	4	7
Total Service	4	52	8	5	3	72	60	54

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1953	1952	1951
OTHER								
Agriculture	-	8	2	-	-	10	8	3
Logging, Fish & Trapping ..	-	--	-	-	1	1	2	1
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	25	6	1	3	35	21	27
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	3	2	-	1	6	9	10
Finance	-	6	-	-	-	6	5	6
Not Classified ...	1	10	3	3	1	18	23	23
Total Other	1	52	13	4	6	76	68	70
GRAND TOTAL	7	283	61	23	20	394	300	312

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, THIRD QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISON *

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1953	1952	1951
Trade	-	13	1	-	-	14	12	9
Manufactures	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	4
Service	-	7	2	-	-	9	11	12
Other	-	10	2	-	-	12	17	10
Total	-	33	5	-	-	38	32	35

x Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, THIRD QUARTER, 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	2	-	96	18	1	1	1	6	125
February	1	-	1	1	88	19	1	1	-	5	117
March	2	-	1	-	103	12	2	2	8	10	140
April	-	-	1	1	91	18	2	1	3	5	122
May	-	-	1	1	73	15	4	1	1	1	97
June	-	-	2	1	90	30	-	4	-	5	132
July	-	-	-	1	86	19	1	2	4	7	120
August	-	1	1	1	95	20	4	1	5	8	136
September	-	-	-	3	102	22	3	2	1	5	138
Nine Months' Total - 1953	3	1	9	9	824	173	18	15	23	52	1,127
1952	6	-	16	11	890	176	9	5	8	43	1,164
1951	5	1	11	17	763	157	11	10	12	43	1,030
1950	-	4	12	14	735	132	10	4	9	48	968
1949	-	2	2	8	571	89	11	3	9	44	739

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	1	12,467	20,277
Nova Scotia	1	11,810	6,920
New Brunswick	5	132,155	131,368
Quebec	283	2,781,778	4,480,366
Ontario	61	1,309,289	2,322,558
Manitoba	8	134,736	286,342
Saskatchewan	5	28,304	25,391
Alberta	10	64,259	103,853
British Columbia	20	508,168	697,720
Comparative Total for the Third Quarter - 1953	394	4,982,966	8,074,795
1952	300	4,283,762	6,750,173
1951	312	4,489,901	6,469,772
1950	248	4,399,938	5,798,161
1949	239	5,150,543	6,418,224
1948	181	2,582,402	4,139,130
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1944	57	373,165	797,283
1939	343	3,206,118	3,789,520
1932	556	6,841,455	8,791,501
1929	437	7,066,742	9,315,961

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3.

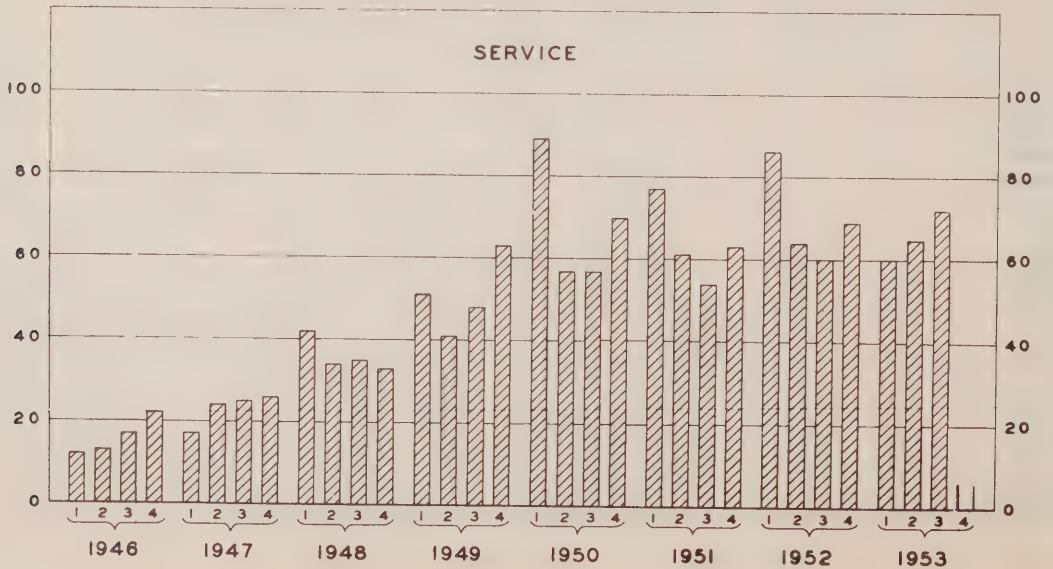
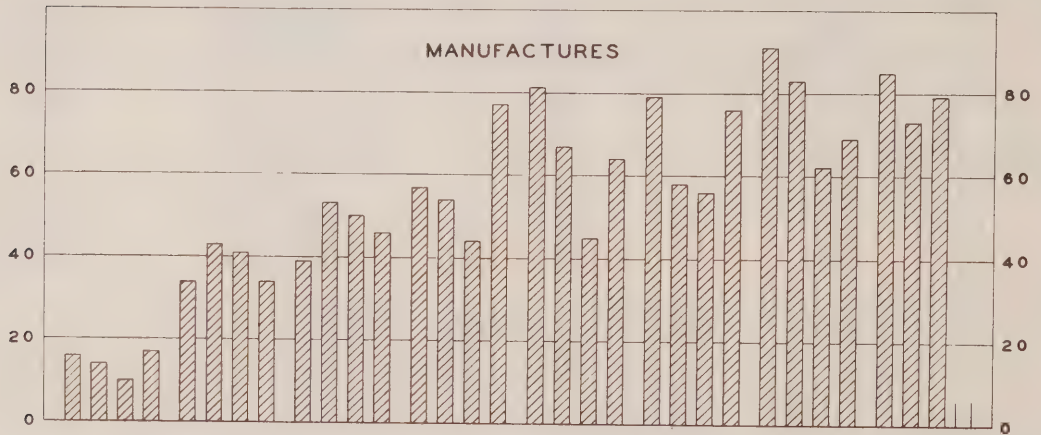
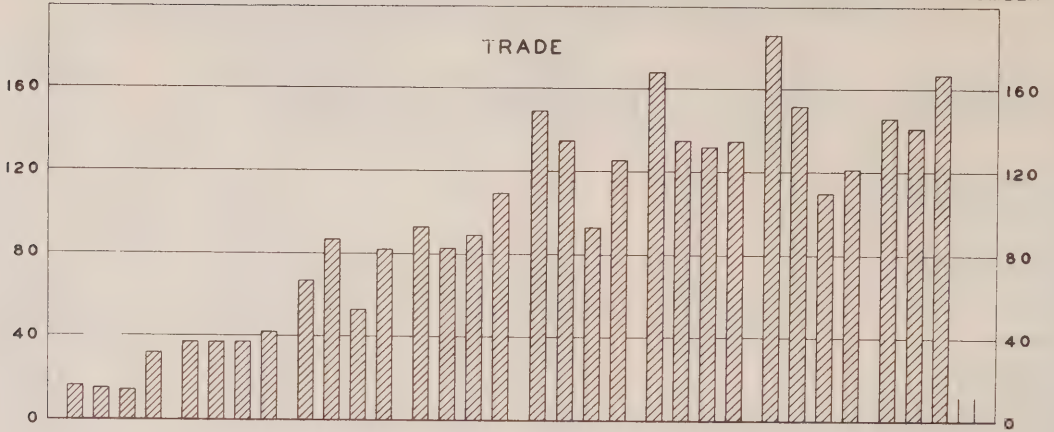
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1952											
April ...	-	-	-	-	11	3	-	-	-	-	14
May	-	-	-	1	15	2	-	-	-	-	18
June ...	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	1	10
July ...	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	9
August ..	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	-	-	-	20
September	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	1	17
October .	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	1	16
November	-	-	-	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	12
December	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
1953											
January .	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-	-	-	21
February	-	-	-	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	18
March ...	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
April ...	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	11
May	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	11
June	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	22
July	-	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	-	-	19
August ..	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
September	-	-	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	16

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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During 1953, the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 1,657. This was nearly 10 per cent higher than the 1952 total of 1,509, and was the highest recorded since 1933. The estimated total of liabilities was \$32.8 million, almost 11 per cent larger than in the preceding year. After declining to a very low level during the second World War, the annual number of bankruptcies in Canada has increased steadily since 1946, but is still well below the totals recorded in the early 1930's. The yearly aggregate of defaulted liabilities has followed a similar trend. Average liability per failure was slightly higher in 1953 than during the previous year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In tables 1 and 10 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

As in previous years, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector, where there were 650 insolvencies as compared with 569 in 1952. The majority of trades recorded increases, with the largest advances occurring in general stores, clothing stores, electrical appliance stores and jewelry stores. Insolvencies of manufacturing establishments rose from 305 last year to 359. In this group, textile firms recorded the largest increase over 1952. Defaults of service establishments numbered 286, as compared with 279 in 1952. Bankruptcies of "Other" establishments also rose slightly, from 356 to 362.

Failures by Economic Areas

During 1953, 1,221 of the 1,657 Canadian insolvencies occurred in Quebec, as compared with 1,167 in 1952. Failures in most other provinces also showed increases, with bankruptcies in Ontario rising from 220 in the preceding year to 255, and in British Columbia from 48 to 72. In the same comparison, failures in the Prairie Provinces advanced from 34 to 79, while those in the Atlantic region declined from 40 to 30.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1953

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1944	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114	78	85	86	111	137	86	1,303
1951	136	134	132	124	97	100	107	118	87	129	142	93	1,399
1952	154	158	158	127	162	105	91	109	100	126	111	108	1,509
1953	125	117	140	122	97	132	120	136	138	205	167	158	1,657
<u>Proposals</u>													
1950							13	16	7	8	20	15	79
1951	12	21	18	12	15	22	13	16	18	21	5	3	176
1952	14	27	24	14	18	10	9	20	17	16	12	10	191
1953	16	17	12	11	14	21	13	16	16	11	11	13	171

TABLE 2. DEFAULTED LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1953
\$'000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	-	15,045	-	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,292	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700	2,029	1,956	1,813	2,172	2,504	1,957	24,872
1951	2,323	2,097	2,268	2,346	1,784	1,666	2,398	2,409	1,662	2,380	3,154	1,425	25,912
1952	2,455	2,767	2,063	2,266	3,737	2,381	1,903	2,138	2,721	2,452	2,202	2,573	29,658
1953	2,677	2,026	2,448	2,870	2,121	3,726	2,544	2,400	3,131	3,496	3,297	2,082	32,818

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1953

Year	New-found-land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923		16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924		3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925		4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926		4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927		4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928		4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929		1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930		3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931		7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932		9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933		10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934		8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935		4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936		6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937		-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938		4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939		3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940		3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941		4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942		2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943		-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944		-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945		1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946		1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947		2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948		1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
1949		3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066
1950	3	8	17	20	967	186	16	9	16	61	1,303
1951	5	3	12	24	1,022	227	15	13	14	64	1,399
1952	9	-	17	14	1,167	220	13	8	13	48	1,509
1953	4	1	9	16	1,221	255	27	19	33	72	1,657

TABLE 4. DEFAULTED LIABILITIES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1953
\$'000

Year	New- found- land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154	
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291	
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555	
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455	
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,748	
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164	
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553	
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629	
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954	
1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598	
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567	
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145	
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303	
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017	
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089	
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663	
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134	
1942	32	45	29	3,379	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019	
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340	
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044	
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995	
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967	
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,078	
1948	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724	
1949	60	29	100	12,842	5,222	549	364	204	1,985	21,356	
1950	22	135	851	203	16,065	4,700	386	137	604	1,769	24,872
1951	168	61	301	417	15,958	5,919	324	155	245	2,359	25,912
1952	228	-	418	185	20,249	6,653	350	132	139	1,304	29,658
1953	42	20	1,302	328	18,022	8,270	975	373	1,493	1,993	32,818

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1953 WITH COMPARISONS

	THE FOURTH QUARTER						THE YEAR							
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total	
						1953	1952						1953	1952
<u>TRADE</u>														
General Stores	3	16	2	-	-	21	14	6	44	7	2	3	62	53
Grocery	-	12	1	-	1	14	11	-	46	13	1	1	61	56
Confectionery	-	3	-	-	-	3	5	-	19	2	-	-	21	28
Drink and Tobacco	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	-	11	1	-	-	12	20
Fish and Meat	-	7	2	1	2	12	7	-	31	7	1	4	43	38
Boots and Shoes	-	4	2	-	-	6	6	-	14	3	-	-	17	22
Dry Goods	2	10	-	-	-	12	4	3	28	1	-	-	32	27
Clothing	-	17	8	-	3	28	17	2	50	19	2	13	86	66
Furniture	-	5	-	-	-	5	7	-	25	3	2	-	30	24
Books and Stationery	-	6	-	-	-	6	3	-	16	1	-	-	17	17
Automobiles	-	8	4	-	-	12	7	1	18	6	5	-	30	26
Hardware	-	5	3	-	-	8	3	-	14	5	1	-	20	17
Electric Apparatus	-	10	3	2	2	17	7	-	26	18	3	3	50	31
Jewelry	-	6	3	-	-	9	5	-	22	11	1	2	36	24
Coal and Wood	-	4	1	-	-	5	1	-	14	1	-	-	15	15
Drugs and Chemicals	-	4	1	-	-	5	1	-	16	1	2	2	21	14
Miscellaneous	-	18	7	4	1	30	20	3	57	21	9	7	97	91
Total Trade	5	138	37	7	9	196	120	15	451	120	29	35	650	569
<u>MANUFACTURE</u>														
Vegetable Foods	1	11	1	-	-	13	6	2	31	7	1	-	41	31
Drink and Tobacco	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Animal Foods	-	9	-	-	-	9	3	-	21	-	1	-	22	18
Fur and Leather	-	8	2	1	1	12	4	-	20	6	2	1	29	24
Pulp and Paper	-	6	-	-	-	6	7	-	12	-	-	-	12	24
Textiles	-	15	3	-	-	18	7	-	52	4	-	-	56	30
Clothing	-	11	-	-	-	11	15	-	40	7	2	1	50	49
Lumber & Manufactures ...	1	8	1	-	2	12	8	2	32	4	2	5	45	37
Iron and Steel	-	4	2	-	1	7	3	-	10	6	1	1	18	17
Non-ferrous Metals	-	5	-	1	2	8	1	-	9	2	1	2	14	11
Non-metallic Minerals ...	-	5	2	-	-	7	3	-	9	2	-	-	11	9
Drugs and Chemicals	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	5	1	-	-	6	9
Miscellaneous	-	11	3	2	-	16	9	-	44	5	5	-	54	44
Total Manufactures	2	96	14	4	6	122	69	4	286	44	15	10	359	305
<u>SERVICE</u>														
Garage	-	9	2	1	1	13	13	1	39	8	1	2	51	52
Other custom & repair ...	1	11	4	-	-	16	12	1	38	7	1	2	49	48
Personal Service	-	10	1	-	-	11	10	1	41	2	-	1	45	58
Restaurants	-	12	2	-	1	15	15	3	43	4	1	3	54	55
Professional Service	-	13	2	1	-	16	7	-	29	7	2	-	38	23
Recreational Service	-	7	-	-	-	7	6	-	19	2	-	1	22	18
Business Service	-	10	1	-	-	11	6	-	21	3	3	-	27	25
Total Service	1	72	12	2	2	89	69	6	230	33	8	9	286	279

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1953, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	THE FOURTH QUARTER							THE YEAR						
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total	
						1953	1952						1953	1952
<u>OTHER</u>														
Agriculture	-	9	-	1	-	10	11	-	31	5	1	-	37	42
Mining	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	5	1	1	3	10	7
Logging, Fish & Trapping	-	3	-	-	1	4	-	-	4	-	-	2	6	2
Construction	-	24	10	1	1	36	28	2	84	29	3	6	124	114
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	12	4	1	-	17	13	-	36	8	5	3	52	45
Finance	-	10	-	1	1	12	5	-	26	-	3	1	30	32
Not Classified	-	29	5	6	-	40	30	3	68	15	14	3	103	114
Total Other	-	91	19	10	3	123	87	5	254	58	27	18	362	356
GRAND TOTAL	8	397	82	23	20	530	345	30	1,221	255	79	72	1,657	1,509

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1952 and 1953

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur and Leather	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
<u>1952</u>									
January	60	4	6	5	30	6	2	1	4
February	60	5	5	6	30	4	4	1	3
March	66	5	7	8	31	2	5	-	2
April	46	6	4	3	26	4	2	3	3
May	61	6	4	8	33	2	4	4	4
June	45	3	7	5	24	3	1	2	4
July	37	3	3	5	16	2	-	1	1
August	34	3	4	3	23	5	-	2	2
September	39	4	5	6	23	1	2	-	2
October	43	5	2	5	25	2	3	2	3
November	39	5	3	7	22	2	-	-	1
December	39	4	6	5	22	4	1	1	2
<u>1953</u>									
January	55	6	9	3	25	1	2	2	5
February	40	4	5	5	30	6	1	2	4
March	51	6	4	6	30	4	2	1	4
April	44	2	4	8	25	7	2	2	1
May	37	2	3	6	23	4	1	-	2
June	60	5	4	9	25	2	2	1	3
July	53	8	5	7	24	2	4	1	2
August	60	6	8	8	24	2	1	-	3
September	54	2	5	6	31	5	2	2	4
October	76	11	7	7	51	5	4	5	5
November	60	6	4	10	28	2	2	2	4
December	60	4	3	11	43	5	6	-	4

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS.

1952 and 1953

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1952</u>									
January	6	-	2	12	6	3	26	9	154
February	5	-	1	9	5	5	34	9	158
March	3	-	-	12	4	4	26	12	158
April	2	-	1	11	3	2	23	13	127
May	4	-	2	14	4	4	25	15	162
June	3	-	-	7	2	4	16	4	105
July	2	2	-	6	2	1	19	6	91
August	3	-	-	9	4	3	21	12	109
September	3	-	-	6	3	1	20	5	100
October	4	-	-	11	4	2	26	11	126
November	4	-	-	8	5	2	23	8	111
December	3	-	1	9	3	1	20	10	108
<u>1953</u>									
January	4	-	1	7	3	1	19	10	125
February	3	-	1	10	6	2	15	10	117
March	2	-	1	8	5	4	26	13	140
April	4	-	2	8	8	2	24	5	122
May	2	1	1	8	3	2	16	4	97
June	2	-	-	12	4	1	25	3	132
July	3	-	-	11	1	1	22	5	120
August	3	1	-	12	4	3	23	6	136
September	4	-	-	12	1	2	27	7	138
October	3	3	1	13	5	3	31	19	205
November	5	1	1	12	7	6	36	11	167
December	2	-	2	11	5	3	22	10	158

TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1953

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January ..	-	-	2	-	96	18	1	1	1	6	125
February .	1	-	1	1	88	19	1	1	-	5	117
March	2	-	1	-	103	12	2	2	8	10	140
April	-	-	1	1	91	18	2	1	3	5	122
May	-	-	1	1	73	15	4	1	1	1	97
June	-	-	2	1	90	30	-	4	-	5	132
July	-	-	-	1	86	19	1	2	4	7	120
August ...	-	1	1	1	95	20	4	1	5	8	136
September.	-	-	-	3	102	22	3	2	1	5	138
October ..	1	-	-	2	154	30	2	3	5	8	205
November ..	-	-	-	2	120	29	4	1	3	8	167
December .	-	-	-	3	123	23	3	-	2	4	158

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 1953, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	1	6,093	9,234
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	7	63,214	148,141
Quebec	397	3,260,356	4,636,668
Ontario	82	1,535,257	2,223,397
Manitoba	9	274,389	417,254
Saskatchewan	4	166,514	210,070
Alberta	10	766,689	840,901
British Columbia	20	227,094	389,685
Comparative Total for the Fourth Quarter - 1953	530	6,299,606	8,875,350
1952	345	4,884,095	7,227,541
1951	364	4,977,665	6,958,368
1950	334	4,199,296	6,632,430
1949	327	4,277,536	6,211,948

TABLE 9. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, BY QUARTERS, 1953 WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	British Columbia	T O T A L			
						Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
Trade	-	12	-	-	1	13	14	17	12
Manufactures .	-	8	-	-	-	8	3	6	8
Service	-	10	-	-	-	10	9	7	16
Other	-	9	-	-	-	9	12	10	10
Fourth Quarter	-	39	-	-	1	40	38	40	46
The Year 1953.	-	154	9	-	1				
The Year 1952.	1	155	6	-	3				
The Year 1951.	2	148	11	-	2				
The Year 1950.	-	121	9	-	2				
The Year 1949.	2	118	2	-	2				

TABLE 10. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

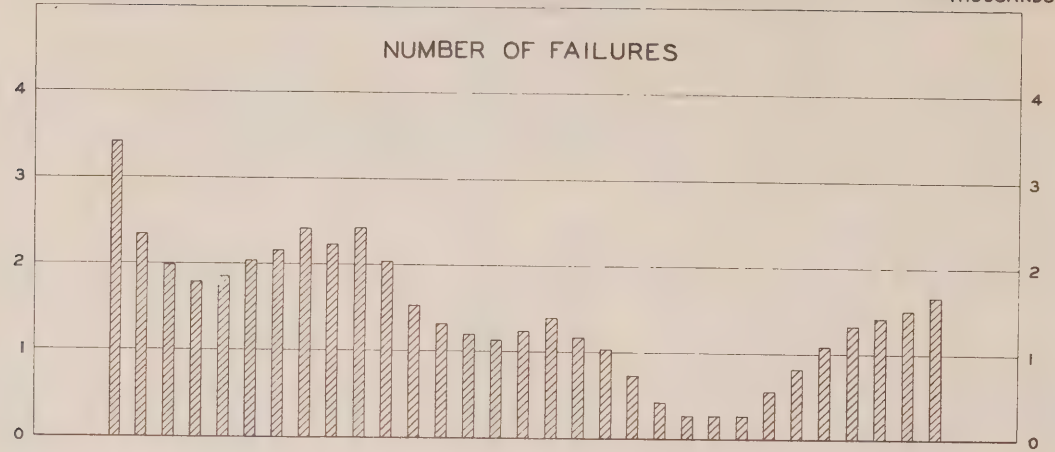
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<u>1952</u>											
January	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	16
February	-	-	-	-	16	-	1	-	-	-	17
March	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	1	-	12
April	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	11
May	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	14
June	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	21
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
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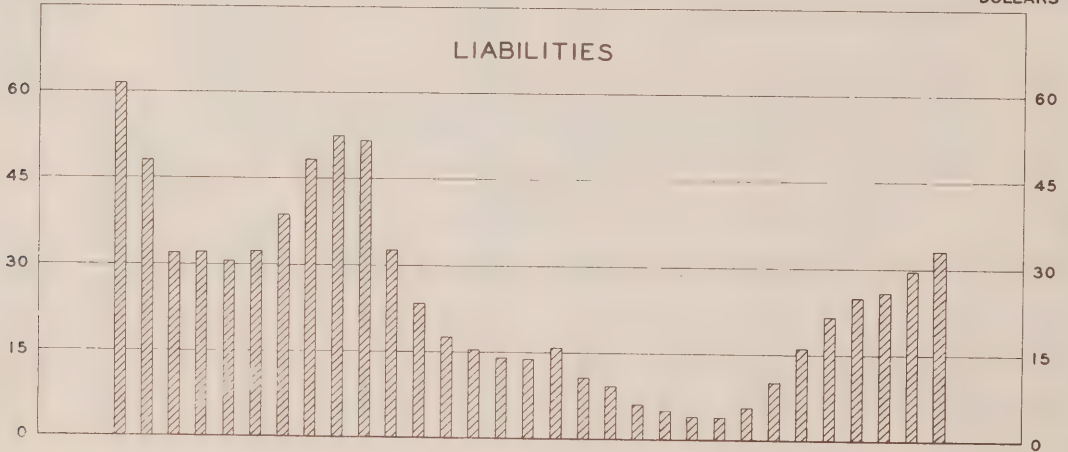
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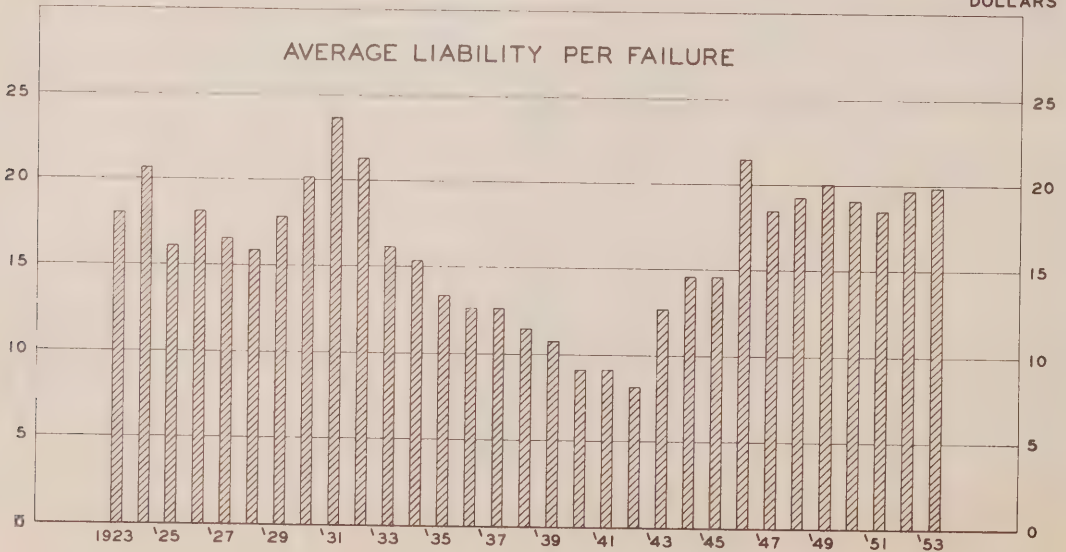
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Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July, 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in all recorded industrial classifications showed increases in the first quarter comparison. Failures in the trade sector where the greatest number of business mortalities usually occurs, more than doubled and accounted for over one-half the increase in total failures. Marked increases occurred in the clothing, automobile and electric apparatus businesses. Bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments advanced from 85 in the first three months last year to 127 in the first quarter of 1954. Service insolvencies rose considerably from 60 to 110 in the same comparison. Failures in the construction field numbered 38 compared with 25 in the same period of 1953.

Failures by Economic Areas

The number of bankruptcies in the Province of Quebec advanced from 287 to 505 in the first quarter comparison and accounted for the major part of the increase in the national total. Failures in Ontario more than doubled, rising from 49 to 104. In the Atlantic Provinces, insolvencies numbered 15 against 8 in the same period last year, and in the four Western Provinces the number of failures increased to 56 from 38 in the first quarter of 1953.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1953 and 1954

	Total					Manufactures			
	Number in Thousand Dollars	Liabilities	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures
1950 ^x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36
1951 ^x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41
1952 ^x	1,509	29,658	42	2	7	305	31	24	37
1953 ^x	1,657	32,818	37	6	10	359	41	29	45
<u>1953</u>									
Jan. ..	125	2,677	4	1	-	25	5	2	1
Feb. ..	117	2,026	3	1	-	30	4	1	6
Mar. ..	140	2,448	2	1	-	30	4	2	4
Apr. ..	122	2,870	4	-	2	25	1	2	7
May ..	97	2,121	2	1	1	23	2	1	4
June ..	132	3,726	2	-	-	25	3	2	2
July ..	120	2,544	3	-	-	24	2	4	2
Aug. ..	136	2,400	3	1	-	24	3	1	2
Sept. .	138	3,131	4	-	-	31	4	2	5
Oct. ..	205	3,496	3	3	1	51	5	4	5
Nov. ..	167	3,297	5	1	1	28	4	2	2
Dec. ..	158	2,082	2	-	2	43	4	6	5
<u>1954</u>									
Jan. ..	196	5,705	2	4	5	39	3	4	9
Feb. ..	238	6,628	4	3	2	43	4	2	2
Mar. ..	246	5,327	6	4	1	45	5	3	9
	Manufactures			Trade				Not	
	Iron and Steel	Con- struc- tion	Trans- portation	Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores	Fin- ance	Ser- vice
1950 ^x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273
1951 ^x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255
1952 ^x	17	114	45	569	53	56	66	32	279
1953 ^x	18	124	52	650	62	61	86	30	286
<u>1953</u>									
Jan. ..	2	7	3	55	6	9	3	1	19
Feb. ..	2	10	6	40	4	5	5	2	15
Mar. ..	1	8	5	51	6	4	6	4	26
Apr. ..	2	8	8	44	2	4	8	2	24
May ...	-	8	3	37	2	3	6	2	16
June ..	1	12	4	60	5	4	9	1	25
July ..	1	11	1	53	8	5	7	1	22
Aug. ..	-	12	4	60	6	8	8	3	23
Sept. .	2	12	1	54	2	5	6	2	27
Oct. ..	5	13	5	76	11	7	7	3	31
Nov. ..	2	12	7	60	6	4	10	6	36
Dec. ..	-	11	5	60	4	3	11	3	22
<u>1954</u>									
Jan. ..	-	10	7	86	7	6	13	3	31
Feb. ..	3	14	6	104	11	8	8	6	42
Mar. ..	2	14	5	109	11	13	15	5	37

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included. X Annual totals.

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
TRADE								
General Stores.....	2	21	4	1	1	29	16	14
Grocery	1	23	2	-	1	27	18	18
Confectionery	-	12	1	-	-	13	8	9
Drink and Tobacco	-	7	-	-	-	7	6	6
Fish and Meat	-	14	3	1	1	19	10	11
Boots and Shoes	-	7	1	-	-	8	3	7
Dry Goods	-	15	1	-	-	16	9	8
Clothing	2	23	6	2	3	36	14	19
Furniture	-	11	2	-	-	13	8	6
Books and Stationery....	-	8	1	-	-	9	2	5
Automobile.....	1	9	5	1	1	17	6	13
Hardware	1	6	-	-	-	7	2	7
Electric Apparatus	-	13	8	2	-	23	3	14
Jewelry	-	8	3	-	-	11	8	8
Coal and Wood	-	10	-	1	-	11	2	8
Drugs and Chemicals	-	8	1	-	-	9	5	10
Miscellaneous	3	20	9	7	5	44	26	23
Total Trade	10	215	47	15	12	299	146	186
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	10	2	-	-	12	13	9
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods.....	-	8	-	-	-	8	6	8
Fur and Leather	-	7	2	-	-	9	5	11
Pulp and Paper	-	5	2	-	1	8	2	3
Textiles	-	9	5	-	-	14	11	8
Clothing	-	15	4	-	-	19	17	12
Lumber and Manufactures.	-	13	2	2	3	20	11	12
Iron and Steel	-	5	-	-	-	5	5	2
Non-ferrous Metals	-	5	-	-	-	5	1	3
Non-metallic Minerals...	-	5	-	-	-	5	1	2
Drugs and Chemicals.....	-	5	-	-	-	5	1	3
Miscellaneous	1	13	3	-	-	17	12	18
Total Manufactures	1	100	20	2	4	127	85	91
SERVICE								
Garage	-	15	2	2	-	19	12	16
Other custom and repair.	-	17	5	-	-	22	10	14
Personal Service.....	-	16	-	1	1	18	11	19
Restaurants	-	14	1	-	-	15	10	15
Professional Service ...	-	10	1	-	-	11	8	8
Recreational Service ...	-	9	1	-	-	10	5	6
Business Service	1	10	4	-	-	15	4	8
Total Service	1	91	14	3	1	110	60	86

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FIRST QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture.....	-	9	3	-	-	12	9	14
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	1	5	1	1	3	11	-	-
Mining	-	5	1	2	-	8	3	3
Construction	-	26	7	3	2	38	25	33
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	14	2	1	1	18	14	15
Finance	-	12	2	-	-	14	7	12
Not Classified	2	28	7	2	4	43	33	30
Total Other	3	99	23	9	10	144	91	107
GRAND TOTAL	15	505	104	29	27	680	382	470

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, FIRST QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISON^X

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
Trade	-	24	2	-	-	26	12	15
Manufactures	-	8	1	-	-	9	8	5
Service	-	14	2	-	-	16	16	17
Other	-	8	-	-	-	8	10	14
Total	-	54	5	-	-	59	46	51

X Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, FIRST QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	3	3	143	25	4	4	4	10	196
February	-	-	2	1	182	40	1	-	6	6	238
March	1	-	3	2	180	39	2	4	4	11	246
First Quarter 1954	1	-	8	6	505	104	7	8	14	27	680
1953	3	-	4	1	287	49	4	4	9	21	382
1952	3	-	9	4	357	69	5	2	2	19	470

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
Newfoundland	1	\$2,834	\$13,223
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	8	82,730	247,119
New Brunswick	6	64,739	107,986
Quebec	505	6,078,317	8,553,176
Ontario	104	3,481,254	6,116,312
Manitoba	7	550,562	822,754
Saskatchewan	8	80,592	106,988
Alberta	14	498,941	939,037
British Columbia	27	492,246	753,715
Comparative Total for the			
First Quarter - 1954	680	11,332,215	17,660,310
1953	382	5,173,001	7,150,962
1952	470	4,783,147	7,285,001
1951	402	4,269,893	6,688,412
1950	382	4,040,543	6,307,156
1949	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947	120	954,602	1,431,807
1944	94	535,644	1,185,693
1939	371	2,614,428	3,592,118
1932	667	12,971,869	11,110,423
1929	646	8,076,661	13,143,000

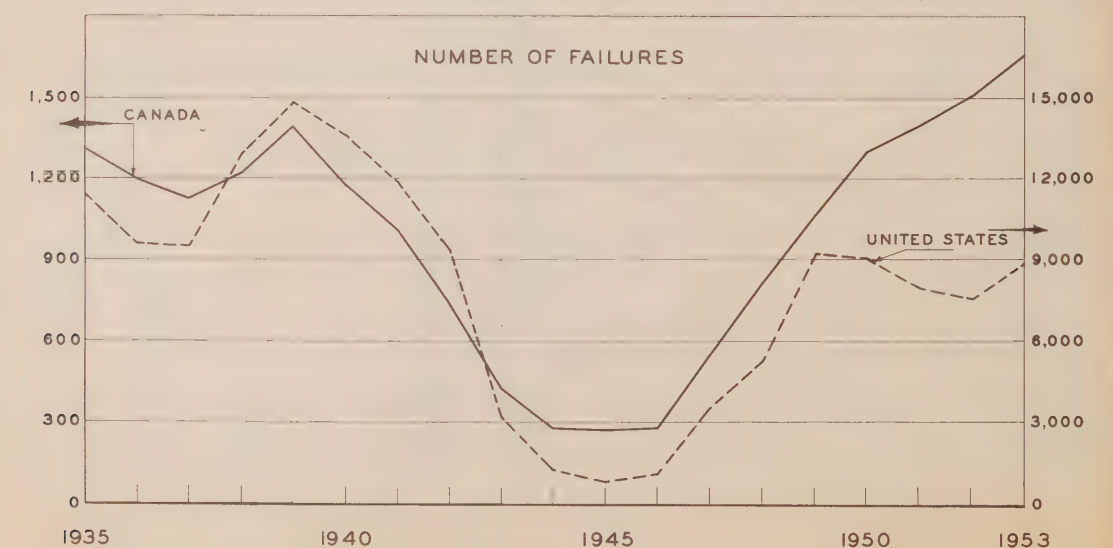
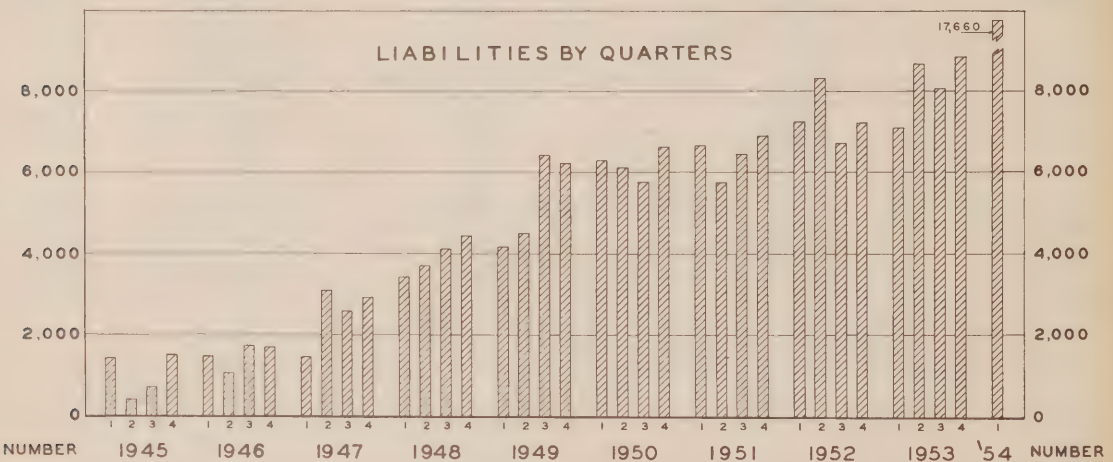
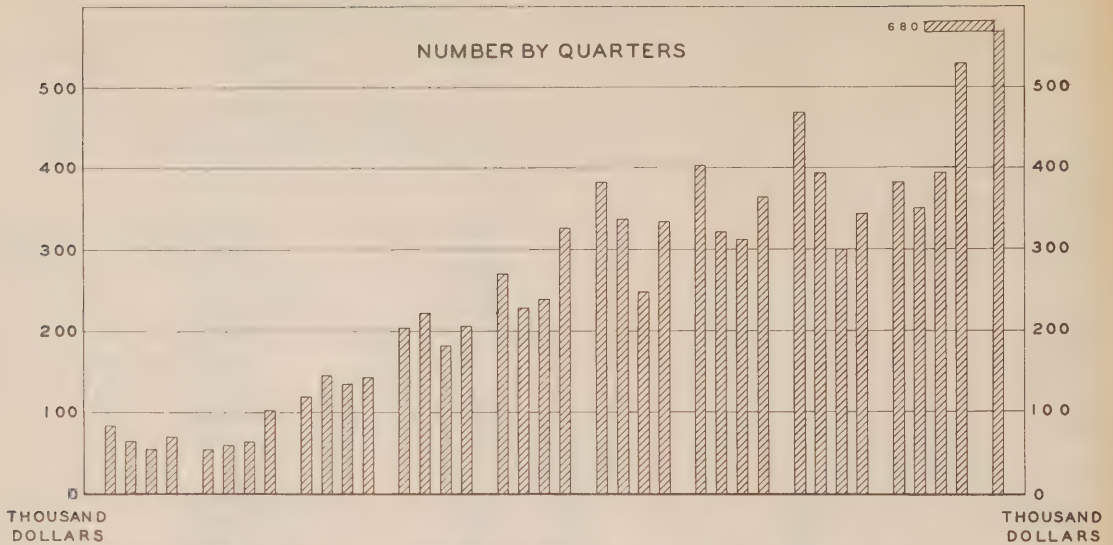
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<u>1953</u>											
January	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	16
February	-	-	-	-	16	-	1	-	-	-	17
March	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	1	-	12
April	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	11
May	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	14
June	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	21
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	16
September	-	-	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	16
October	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	11
November	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	11
December	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
<u>1954</u>											
January	-	-	-	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	34
February	-	-	-	-	37	4	-	-	-	-	41
March	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	1	-	40

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The number of failures in all recorded industrial classifications showed increases in the half-year comparison. Bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments totalled 226 compared with 158 in 1953. Failures in the trade sector, where the greatest number of business mortalities usually occurs rose from 287 to 530 in the same comparison. Service insolvencies increased in number to 209 from 125 last year.

Failures by Economic Areas

Bankruptcies in the province of Quebec numbered 896 during the first six months of this year compared with 541 in the first half of 1953. Failures in Ontario rose from 112 to 192 and in the Atlantic Provinces from 15 to 24. Insolvencies in the four Western Provinces advanced from 65 to 98 in the same comparison.

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May ..	146	4,852	5	-	-	33	3	4	4	
June ..	192	5,156	4	1	-	32	4	1	4	
	Manufactures			Trade			Not			
	Iron and Steel	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Classi- fied
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Apr. ..	2	8	8	44	2	4	8	2	24	5
May ...	-	8	3	37	2	3	6	2	16	4
June ..	1	12	4	60	5	4	9	1	25	3
July ..	1	11	1	53	8	5	7	1	22	5
Aug. ..	-	12	4	60	6	8	8	3	23	6
Sept. ..	2	12	1	54	2	5	6	2	27	7
Oct. ..	5	13	5	76	11	7	7	3	31	19
Nov. ..	2	12	7	60	6	4	10	6	36	11
Dec. ..	-	11	5	60	4	3	11	3	22	10
<u>1954</u>										
Jan. ..	-	10	7	86	7	6	13	3	31	9
Feb. ..	3	14	6	104	11	8	8	6	42	14
Mar. ..	2	14	5	109	11	13	15	5	37	20
Apr. ..	2	8	6	88	10	10	8	4	37	9
May ..	3	9	7	61	9	6	6	1	25	5
June ..	3	12	8	82	7	6	11	3	37	13

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included. ^x Annual totals.

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

TRADE	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
General Stores ...	2	16	5	1	2	26	9	15
Grocery	-	16	3	1	2	22	11	15
Confectionery	-	12	2	-	-	14	2	7
Drink and Tobacco.	-	5	-	-	-	5	1	7
Fish and Meat	-	14	1	-	-	15	11	10
Boots and Shoes ..	-	7	-	-	-	7	3	7
Dry Goods	-	11	-	-	1	12	3	7
Clothing	-	17	5	3	-	25	23	16
Furniture	-	6	4	-	1	11	12	7
Books and Station- ery .	-	9	-	-	-	9	4	6
Automobile	-	8	4	-	1	13	4	2
Hardware	-	5	-	1	-	6	5	4
Electric Apparatus	-	10	2	1	-	13	10	8
Jewelry	-	3	2	-	-	5	12	11
Coal and Wood	-	6	-	-	-	6	3	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	6	-	-	-	6	5	1
Miscellaneous	-	20	7	6	3	36	23	28
Total Trade	2	171	35	13	10	231	141	152
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>								
Vegetable Foods ..	-	10	-	-	-	10	6	11
Drink and Tobacco.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	8	1	-	-	9	2	4
Fur and Leather ..	-	6	1	-	-	7	5	7
Pulp and Paper ...	1	7	1	-	-	9	-	6
Textiles	-	10	1	-	-	11	16	8
Clothing	-	13	-	-	-	13	9	13
Lumber and Manu- factures.	1	11	1	-	-	13	13	9
Iron and Steel ...	-	5	3	-	-	8	3	9
Non-ferrous Metals	-	2	3	-	-	5	1	2
Non-metallic Minerals	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	2
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	-	10	1	-	-	11	16	12
Total Manufactures ..	2	85	12	-	-	99	73	83
<u>SERVICE</u>								
Garage	-	13	4	-	-	17	13	10
Other custom and repair	-	15	9	-	1	25	10	12
Personal Service .	-	14	3	1	-	18	14	14
Restaurants	-	10	2	1	-	13	11	14
Professional Service	-	9	-	1	1	11	8	4
Recreational Service	-	5	-	-	-	5	6	3
Business Service..	-	8	-	2	-	10	3	7
Total Service	-	74	18	5	2	99	65	64

TABLE 2 COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCE AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE SECOND QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
OTHER								
Agriculture.....	1	10	1	-	-	12	8	9
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-
Mining	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	3
Construction	-	17	8	2	2	29	28	32
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	-	13	5	1	2	21	15	9
Finance	-	7	1	-	-	8	5	10
Not Classified	4	11	7	3	2	27	12	32
Total Other	5	31	23	3	6	102	72	95
GRAND TOTAL	9	391	88	24	18	530	351	394

TABLE 3 MANUFACTURE FAILURES, SECOND QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
Trade	-	24	2	-	-	26	17	15
Manufactures	-	13	1	-	-	14	6	8
Service	-	13	2	-	1	16	7	16
Other	-	6	2	-	-	8	10	10
Total	-	56	7	-	1	64	40	49

* Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4 COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, SECOND QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	3	3	143	25	4	4	4	10	196
February	-	-	2	1	182	40	1	-	6	6	238
March	1	-	3	2	180	39	2	4	4	11	246
April.....	-	1	2	2	140	31	2	2	4	8	192
May	-	1	1	-	109	24	4	2	3	2	146
June	-	-	2	-	142	33	1	3	3	8	192
Six Months' Total, 1954	1	2	13	8	896	192	14	15	24	45	1,210
Six Months' Total, 1953	3	-	8	4	541	112	10	10	13	32	733
Six Months' Total, 1952	5	-	16	9	651	130	7	4	7	35	864

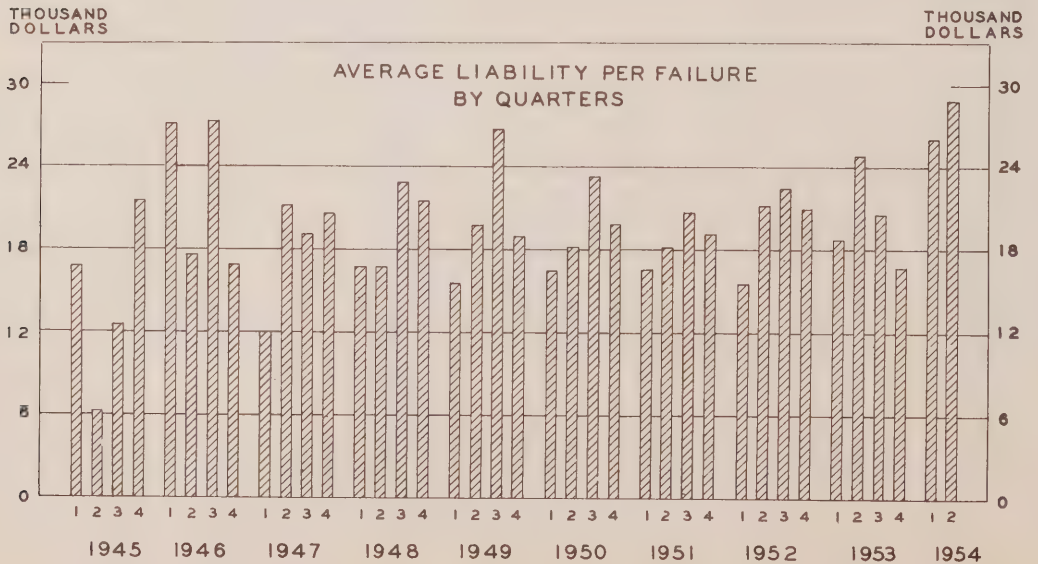
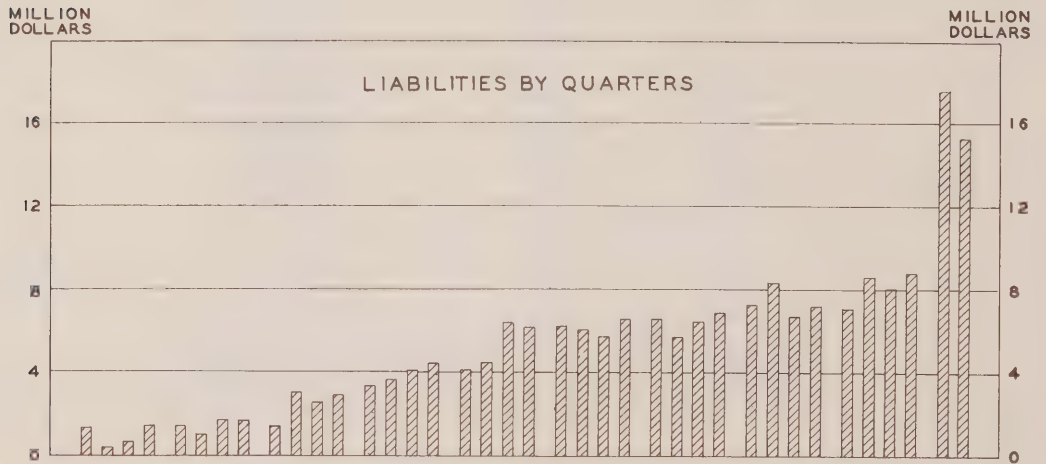
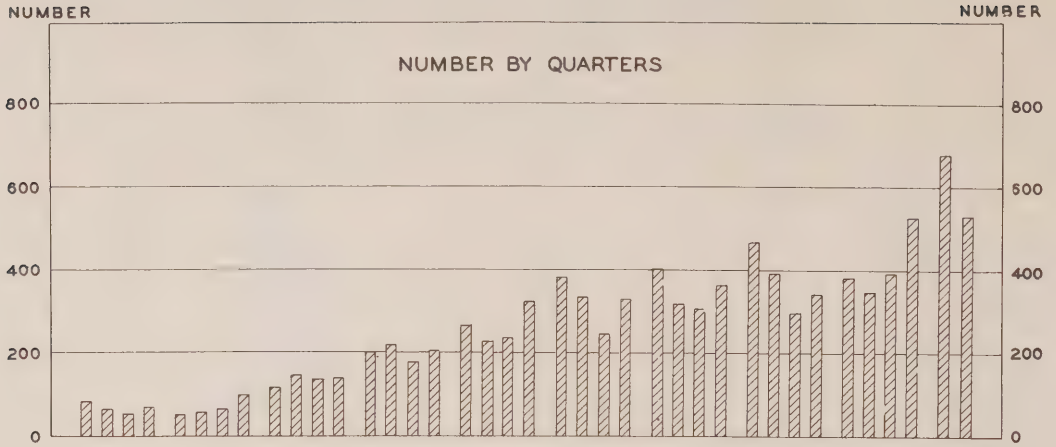
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	2	26,519	40,572
Nova Scotia	5	33,973	59,457
New Brunswick	2	24,319	37,252
Quebec	391	7,654,858	9,854,060
Ontario	88	2,136,046	3,019,976
Manitoba	7	141,123	300,543
Saskatchewan	7	161,674	228,080
Alberta	10	208,542	339,777
British Columbia	18	697,086	1,329,306
Comparative Total for the			
Second Quarter - 1954	530	11,084,140	15,209,023
1953	351	5,443,776	8,716,863
1952	394	5,173,001	8,384,104
1951	321	4,389,792	5,796,007
1950	338	4,529,106	6,135,180
1949	230	3,661,513	4,529,840
1948	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1947	146	1,887,252	3,101,753
1944	61	400,925	756,584
1939	346	2,788,143	4,189,660
1932	573	11,596,713	16,108,434
1929	507	7,534,078	7,882,774

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1953											
January	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	16
February	-	-	-	-	16	-	1	-	-	-	17
March	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	1	-	12
April	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	11
May	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	14
June	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	21
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	16
September	-	-	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	16
October	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	11
November	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	11
December	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
1954											
January	-	-	-	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	34
February	-	-	-	-	37	4	-	-	-	-	41
March	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	1	-	40
April	-	-	-	-	38	1	-	-	-	2	41
May	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	-	-	39
June	-	-	-	-	38	2	-	-	-	-	40

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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the third quarter of 1954, the number of failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 465. This represented a decline from the previous quarter but was 18 per cent above the total of 394 recorded for the third quarter of 1953. The total estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$10,688,000 as compared with \$8,075,000 in the same quarter last year, an increase of 32 per cent. The average liability per failure rose from \$20,500 in the third quarter of 1953 to \$23,000.

Failures in the first nine months of 1954 numbered 1,684, nearly 50 per cent above the 1,127 insolvencies recorded in the same period last year. Total estimated liabilities during the nine-month period were \$43,557,000 about 82 per cent greater than the corresponding 1953 total of \$23,943,000.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

The number of failures in all the main industrial groups during the first nine months of 1954 showed advances over the previous year. There were 718 insolvencies among trading establishments, an increase of 58 per cent over the corresponding period of 1953. In the same comparison failures rose from 237 to 311 in the manufacturing field, from 197 to 307 among service establishments, and from 88 to 96 in the construction industry.

Failures by Economic Areas

Bankruptcies in the province of Quebec numbered 1,218 during the first nine months of 1954 as compared with 824 in the same period last year. In this comparison, failures in Ontario advanced from 173 to 301, and in the Atlantic Provinces from 22 to 35. Insolvencies in the Western Provinces rose from 108 to 130.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1953 AND 1954

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures				
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures	
1950x	1,303	24,872	24	7	5	257	38	33	36	
1951x	1,399	25,912	20	8	8	269	35	31	41	
1952x	1,509	29,658	42	2	7	305	31	24	37	
1953x	1,657	32,818	37	6	10	359	41	29	45	
1953										
July ..	120	2,544	3	-	-	24	2	4	2	
Aug. ..	136	2,400	3	1	-	24	3	1	2	
Sept. .	138	3,131	4	-	-	31	4	2	5	
Oct. ..	205	3,496	3	3	1	51	5	4	5	
Nov. ..	167	3,297	5	1	1	28	4	2	2	
Dec. ..	158	2,082	2	-	2	43	4	6	5	
1954										
Jan. ..	196	5,705	2	4	5	39	3	4	9	
Feb. ..	238	6,628	4	3	2	43	4	2	2	
Mar. ..	246	5,327	6	4	1	45	5	3	9	
Apr. ..	192	5,200	3	1	2	34	3	2	5	
May ...	146	4,852	5	-	-	33	3	4	4	
June ..	201	5,183	4	1	-	33	4	1	4	
July ..	152	3,393	3	-	-	29	3	2	2	
Aug. ..	165	3,908	4	-	1	33	4	2	4	
Sept. .	148	3,386	3	1	1	22	2	3	2	
	Manufactures		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Classi- fied
	Iron and Steel				Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores			
1950x	12	97	40	502	45	60	67	20	273	78
1951x	16	126	42	570	56	65	75	27	255	74
1952x	17	114	45	569	53	56	66	32	279	114
1953x	18	124	52	650	62	61	86	30	286	103
1953										
July	1	11	1	53	8	5	7	1	22	5
Aug.	-	12	4	60	6	8	8	3	23	6
Sept.	2	12	1	54	2	5	6	2	27	7
Oct.	5	13	5	76	11	7	7	3	31	19
Nov.	2	12	7	60	6	4	10	6	36	11
Dec.	-	11	5	60	4	3	11	3	22	10
1954										
Jan.	-	10	7	86	7	6	13	3	31	9
Feb.	3	14	6	104	11	8	8	6	42	14
Mar.	2	14	5	109	11	13	15	5	37	20
Apr.	2	8	6	88	10	10	8	4	37	9
May	3	9	7	61	9	6	6	1	25	5
June	3	12	8	85	7	6	11	4	37	17
July	-	11	4	53	2	8	8	3	38	11
Aug.	3	10	3	68	7	7	8	3	31	12
Sept.	1	8	5	64	3	4	11	1	29	14

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

*Annual totals.

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total Third Quarter 1954	1953	1952
TRADE								
General Stores	1	6	4	1	-	12	16	10
Grocery	1	13	5	-	-	19	18	12
Confectionery	2	9	-	-	-	11	8	7
Drink and Tobacco	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	5
Fish and Meat	-	9	1	-	-	10	10	9
Boots and Shoes	-	4	1	-	-	5	5	2
Dry Goods	-	8	3	-	-	11	8	8
Clothing	-	15	10	1	1	27	21	14
Furniture	-	5	3	-	-	8	5	4
Books and Stationery ..	-	8	2	-	-	10	5	3
Automobile	-	6	3	3	-	12	8	4
Hardware	-	2	1	1	-	4	5	3
Electric Apparatus ...	-	7	7	-	-	14	20	2
Jewelry	1	2	2	-	-	5	7	2
Coal and Wood	-	3	-	-	-	3	5	3
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	3	1	1	-	5	6	2
Miscellaneous	2	15	5	3	2	27	18	20
Total Trade	7	117	48	10	3	185	167	110
MANUFACTURES								
Vegetable Foods	-	6	3	-	-	9	9	5
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	6	3	-	-	9	5	3
Fur and Leather	-	5	2	-	-	7	7	2
Pulp and Paper	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	8
Textiles	-	9	1	-	-	10	11	7
Clothing	-	11	4	-	-	15	13	9
Lumber & Manufactures.	-	6	1	-	1	8	9	8
Iron and Steel	-	3	1	-	-	4	3	3
Non-ferrous Metals ...	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	5
Non-metallic Minerals.	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	2
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3
Miscellaneous	-	10	3	-	-	13	10	7
Total Manufactures	-	65	18	-	1	84	79	62
SERVICE								
Garage	-	9	6	3	-	18	13	13
Other custom & repair.	1	12	6	2	1	22	13	10
Personal Service	-	16	4	-	-	20	9	15
Restaurants	-	12	4	-	2	18	18	11
Professional Service ..	-	8	-	-	-	8	6	4
Recreational Service ..	-	4	-	-	-	4	4	3
Business Service	-	7	1	-	-	8	9	4
Total Service	1	68	21	5	3	98	72	60

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS- Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture	-	7	3	-	-	10	10	8
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
Mining	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-
Construction	1	18	8	2	-	29	35	21
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	9	1	1	1	12	6	9
Finance	-	6	1	-	-	7	6	5
Not Classified	2	22	7	2	4	37	18	23
Total Other	3	64	21	5	5	98	76	68
GRAND TOTAL	11	314	108	20	12	465	394	300

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, THIRD QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISON*

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1954	1953	1952
Trade	-	26	2	1	-	29	14	12
Manufactures	-	12	1	-	-	13	3	2
Service	-	15	1	-	-	16	9	11
Other	-	7	1	-	-	8	12	7
Total	-	60	5	1	-	66	38	32

X Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, THIRD QUARTER, 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	-	3	3	143	25	4	4	4	10	196
February	-	-	2	1	182	40	1	-	6	6	238
March	1	-	3	2	180	39	2	4	4	11	246
April	-	1	2	2	140	31	2	2	4	8	192
May	-	1	1	-	109	24	4	2	3	2	146
June	-	-	2	-	150	34	1	3	3	8	201
July	-	-	-	4	104	36	1	2	2	3	152
August	1	-	1	3	107	39	1	4	3	6	165
September	-	-	-	2	103	33	1	3	3	3	148
First Nine Months 1954	2	2	14	17	1,218	301	17	24	32	57	1,684
1953	3	1	9	9	824	173	18	15	23	52	1,127
1952	6	-	16	11	890	176	9	5	8	43	1,164
1951	5	1	11	17	763	157	11	10	12	43	1,030
1950	-	4	12	14	735	132	10	4	9	48	968
1949	-	2	2	8	571	89	11	3	9	44	739

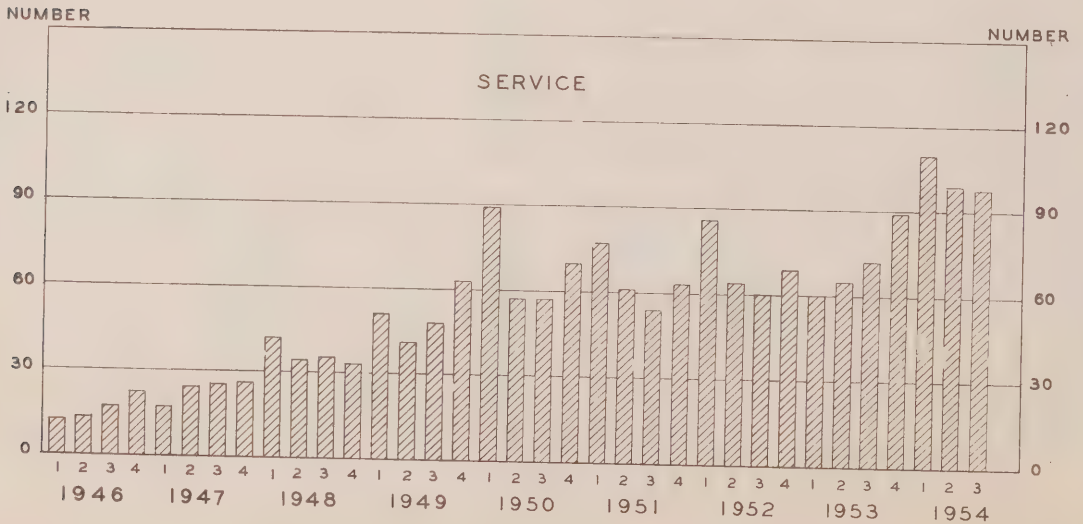
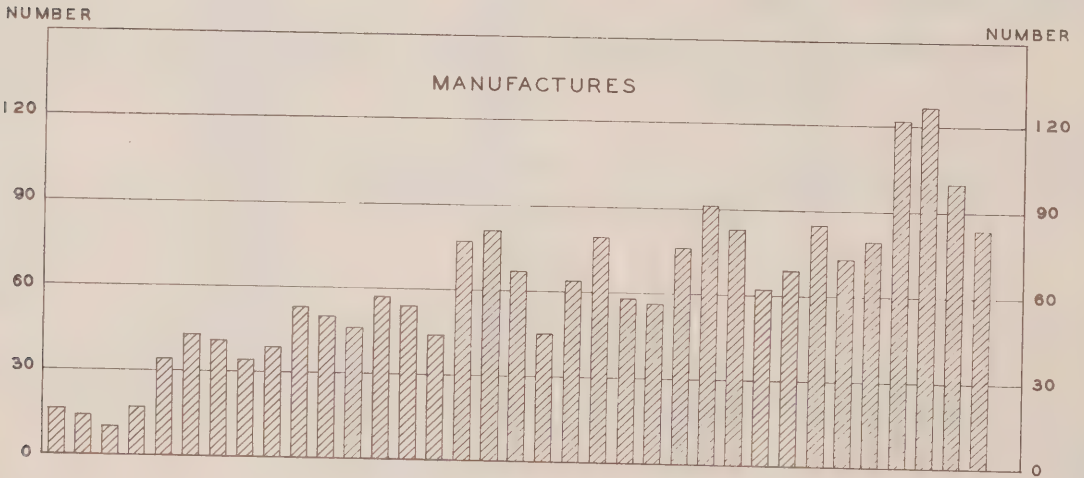
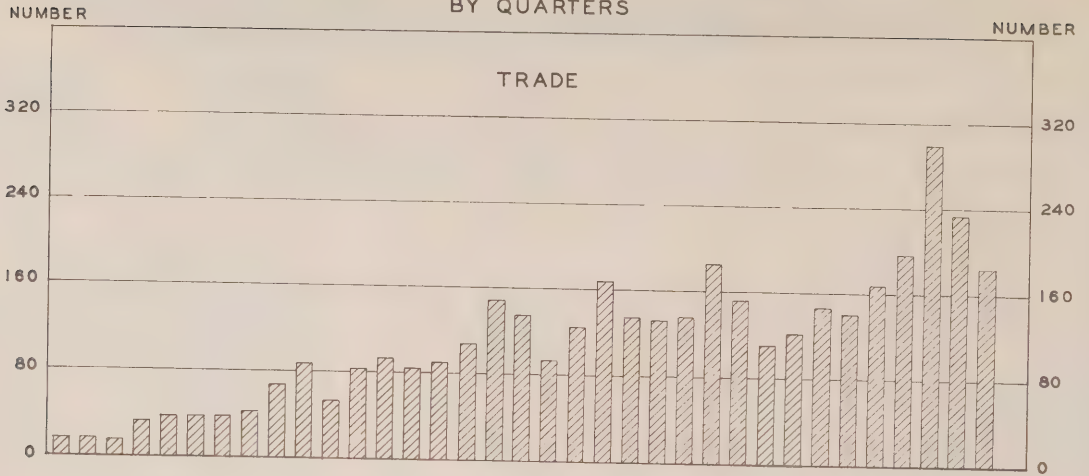
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	1	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	-	-
New Brunswick	9	198,887	358,028
Quebec	314	4,629,197	6,509,816
Ontario	108	2,328,288	2,996,357
Manitoba	3	18,596	37,054
Saskatchewan	9	185,373	250,317
Alberta	8	129,346	194,773
British Columbia	12	198,709	341,734
Comparative Total for the			
Third Quarter - 1954	465	7,688,396	10,688,079
1953	394	4,982,966	8,074,795
1952	300	4,263,762	6,750,173
1951	312	4,489,901	6,469,772
1950	248	4,399,938	5,798,161
1949	239	5,150,543	6,418,224
1948	181	2,582,402	4,139,130
1947	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1944	57	373,165	797,283
1939	343	3,206,118	3,789,520
1932	556	6,841,455	8,791,501
1929	437	7,066,742	9,315,961

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1953											
April	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	1	11
May	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	14
June	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	21
July	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	16
September ..	-	-	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	16
October	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	11
November ..	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	11
December ..	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	13
1954											
January	-	-	-	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	34
February ..	-	-	-	-	37	4	-	-	-	-	41
March	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	1	-	40
April	-	-	-	-	38	1	-	-	-	2	41
May	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	-	-	39
June	-	-	-	-	38	2	-	-	-	-	40
July	-	-	-	-	42	3	-	-	-	1	46
August	-	-	-	-	35	2	-	-	-	-	37
September ..	1	-	-	-	23	2	1	-	-	-	27

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During 1954, the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 2,278. This represented a 37% increase over the 1953 total of 1,657 and was the highest in the postwar period. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$53,142,000 compared with \$32,818,000 in the preceding year. After declining to a very low level during the second World War, the number of Canadian bankruptcies recorded annually has increased steadily since 1946. The yearly aggregate of defaulted liabilities has followed a similar trend. Average liability per failure was about 18 per cent higher in 1954 than during the previous year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with that of preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In tables 1 and 10 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

As in previous years, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector, where there were 973 insolvencies as compared with 650 in 1953. Nearly every type of trading establishment showed more failures than during the previous year, particularly general stores, groceries, confectionery stores, clothing stores and automobile dealers. Insolvencies of manufacturing enterprises rose from 359 in the previous year to 416, with wood and paper products establishments recording a substantial increase over 1953. Defaults of service businesses numbered 408, up considerably from 286 in the preceding year. Bankruptcies of "other" establishments rose from 362 to 481.

Failures by Economic Areas

During 1954, 1,645 of the 2,278 Canadian insolvencies occurred in Quebec, as compared with 1,221 in 1953. Failures in Manitoba and Newfoundland were unchanged from the previous year, while all other provinces showed increases. Insolvencies in Ontario rose sharply from 255 to 414. Failures in the Atlantic region advanced from 30 to 45, and those in the Prairie Provinces rose from 79 to 101. Bankruptcies in British Columbia advanced only fractionally in this comparison.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1954

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1944	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114	78	85	86	111	137	86	1,303
1951	136	134	132	124	97	100	107	118	87	129	142	93	1,399
1952	154	158	158	127	162	105	91	109	100	126	111	108	1,509
1953	125	117	140	122	97	132	120	136	138	205	167	158	1,657
1954	196	238	246	192	146	201	152	165	170	190	191	191	2,278

Proposals

1950							13	16	7	8	20	15	79
1951	12	21	18	12	15	22	13	16	18	21	5	3	176
1952	14	27	24	14	18	10	9	20	17	16	12	10	191
1953	16	17	12	11	14	21	13	16	16	11	11	13	171
1954	34	41	40	41	39	40	46	37	27	38	37	36	456

TABLE 2. DEFAULTED LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1954

\$'000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,356	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	374	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,358	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700	2,029	1,956	1,813	2,172	2,504	1,957	24,872
1951	2,323	2,097	2,268	2,346	1,784	1,666	2,398	2,409	1,662	2,380	3,154	1,425	25,912
1952	2,455	2,767	2,063	2,266	3,737	2,381	1,903	2,138	2,721	2,452	2,202	2,573	29,658
1953	2,677	2,026	2,448	2,870	2,121	3,726	2,544	2,400	3,131	3,496	3,297	2,082	32,818
1954	5,705	5,728	5,327	5,200	4,852	5,156	3,393	3,908	3,387	3,595	3,437	3,454	53,142

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1954

Year	New found- land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923		16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924		3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925		4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926		4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927		4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928		4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929		1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930		3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931		7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932		9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933		10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934		8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935		4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936		6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937		-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938		4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939		3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940		3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941		4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942		2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943		-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944		-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945		1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946		1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947		2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948		1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
1949		3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066
1950	3	8	17	20	967	186	16	9	16	61	1,303
1951	5	3	12	24	1,022	227	15	13	14	64	1,399
1952	9	-	17	14	1,167	220	13	8	13	48	1,509
1953	4	1	9	16	1,221	255	27	19	33	72	1,657
1954	4	2	19	20	1,645	414	27	30	44	73	2,278

TABLE 4. DEFAULTED LIABILITIES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1954

\$'000

Year	New-found-land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925	8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154	
1926	18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291	
1927	17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555	
1928	5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455	
1929	6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,748	
1930	20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164	
1931	23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553	
1932	55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629	
1933	64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954	
1934	33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598	
1935	38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567	
1936	79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145	
1937	-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303	
1938	38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017	
1939	81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089	
1940	4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663	
1941	12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134	
1942	32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019	
1943	-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340	
1944	-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044	
1945	13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995	
1946	5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967	
1947	24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,078	
1948	-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724	
1949	60	29	100	12,842	5,222	549	364	204	1,985	21,356	
1950	22	135	851	203	16,065	4,700	386	137	604	24,872	
1951	168	61	301	417	15,958	5,919	329	155	245	2,359	25,912
1952	228	-	418	185	20,249	6,653	350	132	139	1,304	29,658
1953	42	20	1,302	328	18,022	8,270	975	373	1,493	1,993	32,818
1954	50	41	416	522	30,825	15,036	1,324	659	2,692	1,577	53,142

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1954 WITH COMPARISONS

	THE FOURTH QUARTER							THE YEAR						
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total for		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total	
						4th Quarter 1954	1953						1954	1953
TRADE														
General Stores	1	15	7	2	-	25	21	6	58	20	5	3	92	62
Grocery	1	15	4	-	-	20	14	3	67	14	1	3	88	61
Confectionery	-	12	5	-	-	17	3	2	45	8	-	1	56	21
Drink and Tobacco	-	5	-	-	-	5	3	-	19	-	1	-	20	12
Fish and Meat	-	12	2	-	-	14	12	-	49	7	1	1	58	43
Boots and Shoes	-	6	-	-	1	7	6	-	24	2	2	1	29	17
Dry Goods	-	13	1	-	-	14	12	-	47	5	-	-	52	32
Clothing	-	18	8	2	-	28	28	2	73	29	8	4	116	86
Furniture	-	9	1	-	-	10	5	-	31	10	2	1	44	30
Books and Stationery ..	-	10	1	-	-	11	6	-	35	4	3	1	43	17
Automobiles	-	11	5	2	-	18	12	1	34	17	6	2	60	30
Hardware	-	10	1	1	-	12	8	1	23	2	3	-	29	20
Electric Apparatus	-	13	8	-	-	21	17	-	43	25	3	-	71	50
Jewelry	-	3	-	-	-	3	9	1	21	2	2	1	27	36
Coal and Wood	-	5	1	-	-	6	5	-	24	4	2	1	31	15
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	4	-	-	-	4	5	-	21	4	2	2	29	21
Miscellaneous	2	16	10	3	3	34	30	7	69	31	12	9	128	97
Total Trade	4	177	54	10	4	249	196	23	683	184	53	30	973	650
MANUFACTURES														
Vegetable Foods	-	10	3	-	-	13	13	-	36	8	-	-	44	41
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	3	1
Animal Foods	-	6	2	-	-	8	9	-	28	6	-	-	34	22
Fur and Leather	-	6	-	2	-	8	12	-	24	5	2	-	31	29
Pulp and Paper	-	6	3	-	-	9	6	1	21	6	-	1	29	12
Textiles	-	10	1	-	-	11	18	-	38	8	-	-	46	56
Clothing	-	11	1	2	-	14	11	-	50	9	2	-	61	50
Lumber & Manufactures ..	-	8	4	-	3	15	12	1	38	8	2	7	56	45
Iron and Steel	-	2	-	-	-	2	7	-	15	4	-	-	19	18
Non-ferrous Metals	-	2	-	-	-	2	8	-	15	4	-	-	19	14
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	2	-	-	-	2	7	-	12	-	-	-	12	11
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	6	6
Miscellaneous	-	11	3	-	-	14	16	1	37	13	5	-	56	54
Total Manufactures	-	74	17	4	3	98	122	3	323	71	11	8	416	359
SERVICE														
Garage	-	12	5	1	-	18	13	-	49	17	6	-	72	51
Other custom & repair..	1	13	2	2	1	19	16	2	57	22	4	3	88	49
Personal Service	-	16	3	-	2	21	11	-	62	10	4	1	77	45
Restaurants	-	10	2	2	-	14	15	-	46	9	2	3	60	54
Professional Service ..	-	7	2	-	-	9	16	-	34	3	-	2	39	38
Recreational Service ..	-	5	-	-	1	6	7	-	23	4	1	-	28	22
Business Service	-	7	3	1	-	11	11	1	32	8	2	1	44	27
Total Service	1	70	17	6	4	98	89	3	303	73	19	10	408	286

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR
THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1954, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	THE FOURTH QUARTER							THE YEAR						
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	B.C.	Total	
						1954	1953						1954	1953
<u>OTHER</u>														
Agriculture	1	7	4	-	-	12	10	2	35	11	-	-	48	37
Mining	-	2	1	-	-	3	4	-	10	3	2	-	15	10
Logging, Fish & Trapping..	-	3	-	-	-	3	4	1	10	2	1	3	17	6
Construction	1	22	9	4	1	37	36	2	85	32	11	5	135	124
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	12	-	3	1	16	17	-	50	8	3	6	67	52
Finance	-	8	2	-	-	10	12	-	35	6	-	-	41	30
Not Classified	3	38	3	1	1	46	40	11	111	24	1	11	158	103
Total Other	5	92	19	8	3	127	123	16	336	86	18	25	481	362
GRAND TOTAL	10	413	107	28	14	572	530	45	1,645	414	101	73	2,278	1,657

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1953 and 1954

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur and Leather	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
<u>1953</u>									
January	55	6	9	3	25	1	2	2	5
February	40	4	5	5	30	6	1	2	4
March	51	6	4	6	30	4	2	1	4
April	44	2	4	8	25	7	2	2	1
May	37	2	3	6	23	4	1	-	2
June	60	5	4	9	25	2	2	1	3
July	53	8	5	7	24	2	4	1	2
August	60	6	8	8	24	2	1	-	3
September	54	2	5	6	31	5	2	2	4
October	76	11	7	7	51	5	4	5	5
November	60	6	4	10	28	2	2	2	4
December	60	4	3	11	43	5	6	-	4
<u>1954</u>									
January	86	7	6	13	39	9	4	-	3
February	104	11	8	8	43	2	2	3	4
March	109	11	13	15	45	9	3	2	5
April	88	10	10	8	34	5	2	2	3
May	61	9	6	6	33	4	4	3	3
June	85	7	6	11	33	4	1	3	4
July	53	2	8	8	29	2	2	-	3
August	68	7	7	8	23	4	2	3	4
September	70	3	4	11	29	2	3	1	2
October	86	8	10	13	32	3	3	-	5
November	81	10	6	6	31	7	1	2	4
December	82	7	4	9	35	5	4	-	4

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

1953 and 1954

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1953</u>									
January	4	-	1	7	3	1	19	10	125
February	3	-	1	10	6	2	15	10	117
March	2	-	1	8	5	4	26	13	140
April	4	-	2	8	8	2	24	5	122
May	2	1	1	8	3	2	16	4	97
June	2	-	-	12	4	1	25	3	132
July	3	-	-	11	1	1	22	5	120
August	3	1	-	12	4	3	23	6	136
September	4	-	-	12	1	2	27	7	138
October	3	3	1	13	5	3	31	19	205
November	5	1	1	12	7	6	36	11	167
December	2	-	2	11	5	3	22	10	158
<u>1954</u>									
January	2	4	5	10	7	3	31	9	196
February	4	3	2	14	6	6	42	14	238
March	6	4	1	14	5	5	37	20	246
April	3	1	2	8	6	4	37	9	192
May	5	-	-	9	7	1	25	5	146
June	4	1	-	12	8	4	37	17	201
July	3	-	-	11	4	3	38	11	152
August	4	-	1	10	3	3	31	12	165
September	5	1	1	10	5	2	32	15	170
October	3	-	2	12	7	3	29	16	190
November	4	2	1	15	6	4	34	13	191
December	5	1	-	10	3	3	35	17	191

TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1954

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January ...	-	-	3	3	143	25	4	4	4	10	196
February ..	-	-	2	1	182	40	1	-	6	6	238
March	1	-	3	2	180	39	2	9	4	11	246
April	-	1	2	2	140	31	2	2	4	8	192
May	-	1	1	-	109	24	4	2	3	2	146
June	-	-	2	-	150	34	1	3	3	8	201
July	-	-	-	4	104	36	1	2	2	3	152
August	1	-	1	3	107	39	1	4	3	6	165
September..	-	-	-	2	117	39	1	3	3	5	170
October ...	1	-	2	-	128	37	5	3	8	6	190
November ..	-	-	1	1	143	33	2	2	4	5	191
December ..	1	-	2	2	142	37	3	1	-	3	191

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 1954, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland	2	23,122	36,737
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	5	55,117	128,964
New Brunswick	3	14,440	19,070
Quebec	413	5,589,020	6,788,769
Ontario	107	2,134,896	2,903,983
Manitoba	10	142,392	163,544
Saskatchewan	6	40,260	73,815
Alberta	12	136,194	103,340
British Columbia	14	130,270	266,922
Comparative Total for the Fourth Quarter - 1954	572	8,265,711	10,485,144
1953	530	6,299,606	8,875,350
1952	345	4,884,095	7,227,541
1951	364	4,977,665	6,958,368
1950	334	4,199,296	6,632,430
1949	327	4,277,036	6,211,948

TABLE 9. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, BY QUARTERS, 1954 WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	British Columbia	T O T A L			
						Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
Trade	-	29	8	-	1	38	29	26	26
Manufactures	-	10	2	-	-	12	13	14	9
Service	-	11	3	-	-	14	16	16	16
Other	-	6	1	-	-	7	8	8	8
Fourth Quarter ..	-	56	14	-	1	71	66	64	59
The Year 1954 ...	-	226	31	1	2				
The Year 1953 ...	-	154	9	-	1				
The Year 1952 ...	1	155	6	-	3				
The Year 1951 ...	2	148	11	-	2				
The Year 1950 ...	-	121	9	-	2				
The Year 1949 ...	2	118	2	-	2				

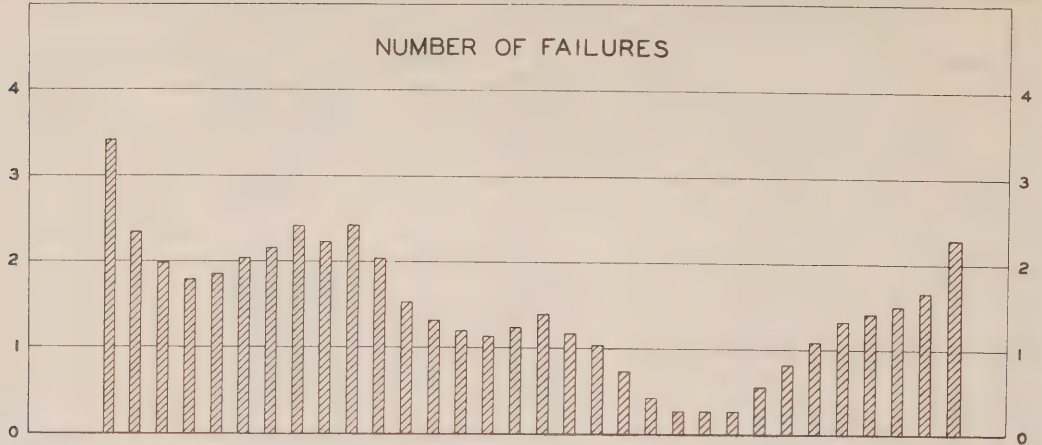
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	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1954											
January	-	-	-	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	34
February	-	-	-	-	37	4	-	-	-	-	41
March	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	1	-	40
April	-	-	-	-	38	1	-	-	-	2	41
May	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	-	-	39
June	-	-	-	-	38	2	-	-	-	-	40
July	-	-	-	-	42	3	-	-	-	1	46
August	-	-	-	-	35	2	-	-	-	-	37
September	1	-	-	-	23	2	1	-	-	-	27
October	-	-	-	-	35	2	1	-	-	-	38
November	-	-	-	-	32	2	1	1	-	1	37
December	-	-	-	-	30	5	1	-	-	-	36

COMMERCIAL FAILURES

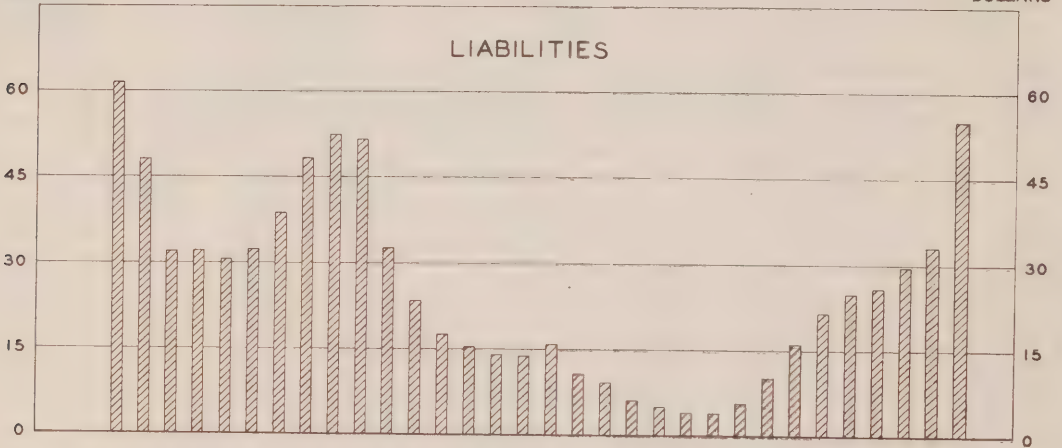
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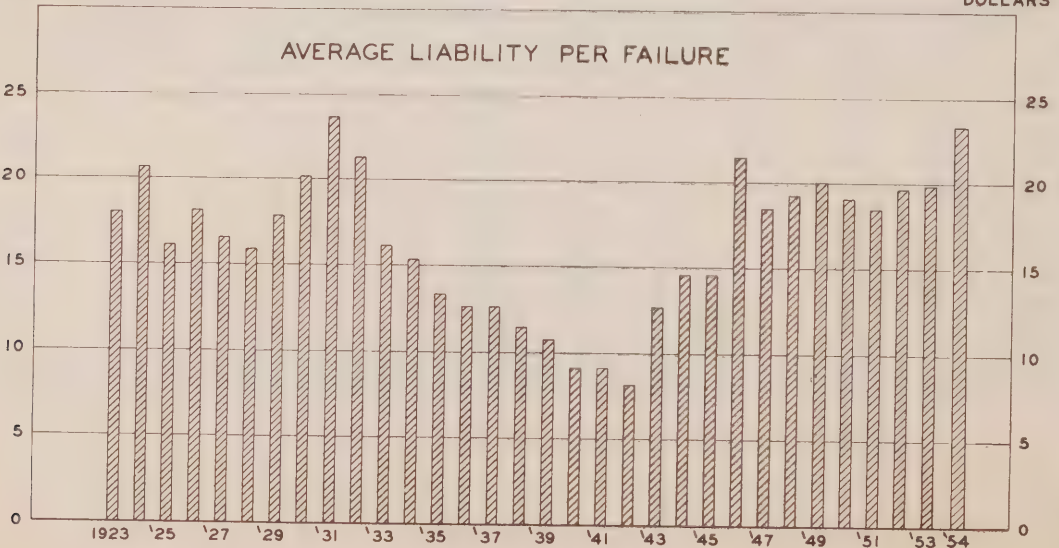
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